

they saw the star, they rejoiced

ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH United Church of Christ Elon College, North Carolina

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January 6, 1991

11:00 A

#### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

J. S. B "Sheep May Safely Graze" Prelude Welcome, Passing of the Friendship Forms, and Announcemen

"God Himself Is With Us" Joachim Nean Introit

Responsive Call to Worship

L. Arise! Shine! For your light has come.

And the glory of God had risen upon us.

P. And the glory of God nad 115th apon as L. Though darkness cover the earth and its peoples,

Yet God's glory will attract all nations to our liaht.

Invocation and the Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

## PRAISE OF GOD

"Brightest and Best of the Sons of the Morning \*Hymn 126 CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Loving God, you have come to us in Jesus; yet we confe that we often refuse to receive you. We live in the world as if we did not know you. Showing your love for all peop you guided sages from distant lands to worship Jesus, yo child. Although we know of this love, we limit our love with safe boundaries, building walls rather than bridges denying our connection with all those you love. Forgive God, and give us new hearts to love and serve you. Writ your Word within us. Make yourself known to us as we li today. For we pray in the name of Jesus the Christ, in whom you most fully have revealed yourself. Amen.

WE EXTEND A CORDIAL WELCOME to all who worship with us today. We invite you to return and to make this your home church, if you do not have one. When the friendship forms are passed, we ask all to sign, and visitors to please write their addresses. Pass the pad back after all have signed. Greet your neighbors after worship.

Printing of the 1991 ANNUAL REPORT will begin this week. If you have not turned your report in to the Church Office please do so early this week.

Nursery today: Cile Welborn

Nursery next Sunday: Wilma Williamson

Child Care During Worship:

Today: Brian Rose and Beth Tickle Next Sunday: Lou Harper and Rob Woody

#### WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun.,	Jan.	6	-	9:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 3:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Meeting in Parish House
Mon.,	Jan.	7	-	10:30 a.m. 7:30 p.m.	Circle 1 Circle 2 - Home of Beth Wilkins
Tues.,	Jan.	8	-	7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Cub Scouts BOARD OF TRUSTEES Circle 3 - Library
Wed.,	Jan.	9	-	9:00 a.m. 4:30 p.m.	Mothers Morning Out Wonderful Wednesdays

7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

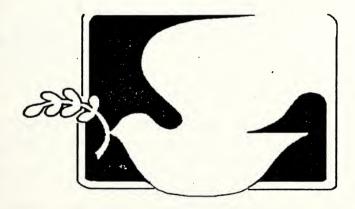


"Lord, make

> us instruments of your peace."

#### **GULF CRISIS:**

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST IS CALLED TO BE A JUST PEACE CHURCH AND TO ACT.



The United Church of Christ has declared itself to be a Just Peace Church. A Just Peace is defined as the interrelation of justice, friendship, and common security from violence. How can we apply the principles of a Just Peace to the current crisis in the Middle East?

# A JUST PEACE CHURCH ACTS ON THESE BELIEFS:

l. PEACE IS POSSIBLE. A Just Peace is a basic gift of God and is the force and vision moving human history. Today the world is on the brink of war. It has been taken there by Saddam Hussein's invasion of Kuwait. Rulers opt for war because they cannot imagine peaceful change. They cannot imagine the meaning of a baby, born in a manger.

The world is on the brink of war. It has been taken there because President Bush believes that only by threatening war will peace be achieved. Only by making the threat of war so real, so imminent, will Saddam Hussein retreat from Kuwait, according to the dominant theology in Washington. "Woe to those who...rely on horses, who trust in chariots" (Isaiah 31:1). Just Peace Theology opens up many other possibilities.

- 2. PEACE REQUIRES INTERNATIONAL STRUCTURES. War can and must be eliminated, through international structures of friendship, justice and common security from violence. President Bush and other leaders have done an excellent job of developing consensus in the United Nations and setting up sanctions. "Behold, I am doing a new thing; Now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?" (Isaiah 43:19).
- 3. PEACE REQUIRES PATIENCE. Even under Just War principles, war is never justified until all alternative means for resolving a conflict have been exhausted. President Bush, in trying to force the issue, may take the world into a war before sanctions and diplomacy have been given a chance. Jesus weeps over the Capital: "Would that you knew the things that make for peace" (Luke 19:42).
- 4. PEACE REQUIRES PEACEMAKERS. War, according to political thinking in Washington and Baghdad, is an extension of diplomacy by other means. If leaders still believe this, it is up to common citizens to demand a new global order of their leaders. A Just Peace theology calls for unexpected initiatives of friendship to transform situations, as well as international structures of justice and common security from vio lence. When we are so close to disaster, and so close to a Just Peace solution to this crisis, the Just Peace Church must act. "Blessed are the peacemakers."

#### LITANY

Brothers and sisters of One called the Prince of Peace, let us prayerfully remember before God those persons poised on the brink of war. Let us give thanks for the courage of those who would fight for human rights, but pray that their shots will not be necessary.

Let us give thanks for those places where justice and peace exist, and for those persons who still contend for them.

Let us intercede for the conversion of those who deny them, and for the vindication of those to whom they are denied.

- L: For those denied a cultural identity and a land to call their own, let us pray for relief.
- C: Have mercy, O God.
- L: For those who inflict pain or impose burdens, let us pray for change of heart and life.
- C: Have mercy, O God.
- L: For those who believe that war is inevitable and peace unattainable.
- C: Let your way be known upon the earth.
- L: Teach us to discern your presence in the midst of all your people, and to respect the lives of all your children.
- C: Grant this, O Lord, unto us all.
- L: We pray for Saddam Hussein and George Bush. Make their eyes to see the blood not yet shed, their ears to hear the cries of the innocents that have not yet gone up, and fill their hearts with the power of your Spirit to do that which seems impossible.
- C: Holy God, Grant us your peace. Amen.

# A JUST PEACE REQUIRES PEACEMAKERS: CALL TO ACTION

# CALL OR WRITE THE WHITE HOUSE

The White House Comments Desk keeps track of public response, helping the President understand what you and other citizens expect of leadership. You can register your opinion at (202) 456-1111.

# WIRE THE WHITE HOUSE

The UCC Office for Church in Society has arranged a mailgram response. By calling (800) 257-4900 (toll free) and asking for operator 9796, you can send the following message: "DO NOT GO TO WAR WITH IRAQ. WE IN THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST BELIEVE SANCTIONS AND DIPLOMACY SHOULD BE GIVEN A CHANCE TO WORK. PEACE REQUIRES PATIENCE." You can also send your own message of similar length with this same operator. You will be charged \$6.75 on your phone bill.

# WRITE CONGRESS

Senator U.S. Senate Washington, DC 20510 Representative
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Capitol switchboard (for all offices): (202) 224-3121.

If you call, ask for the staff person working on the Gulf Crisis.

# GIVE PUBLIC WITNESS TO YOUR CONVICTIONS

All of us help to shape public opinion. Share your convictions with neighbors, in letters to the editor and through the public media, through educational events on the Middle East, through vigils and public demonstrations. Make a special effort to reach out to Arab-Americans, and challenge those who would create enemy images.

#### **PRAY**

Our leaders need prayer. Our soldiers need prayer. Iraqi leaders and citizens need prayer. This crisis touches the whole world, and the whole world needs prayer. Lord, make us instruments of your peace.

#### UCC SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT II(B)

#### INVITATION

Luke, the evangelist, wrote of our risen Savior, who at table with two of the disciples took bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. Their eyes were opened, and they recognized the risen Christ in the breaking of the bread.

In company with all believers in every time and beyond time, we come to this table to know the risen Christ in the breaking of the bread.

COMMUNION PRAYER God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to God.

Let us give thanks to God Most High.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Holy God, our loving Creator, close to us as breathing and distant as the farthest star, we thank you for your constant love for all you have made. We thank you for all that sustains life, for all people of faith in every generation who have given themselves to your will, and especially for Jesus Christ, whom you have sent from your own being as our Savior.

We praise you for Christ's birth, life, death, and resurrection, and for the calling forth of your church for its mission in the world. Gifted by the presence of your Holy Spirit, we offer ourselves to you as we unite our voices with the entire family of your faithful people everywhere:

Holy, holy, holy, God of love and majesty, the whole universe speaks of your glory, O God Most High. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of our God! Hosanna in the highest!

Merciful God, as sister and brothers in faith, we recall anew these words and acts of Jesus Christ. Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed, and broke it, and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat: This is my body." Jesus took a cup, and after giving thanks, gave it to the disciples and said: "Drink of it, all of you; for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins." We remember Christ's promise not to drink of the fruit of the vine again until the heavenly banquet at the close of history, and we say boldly what we believe:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Come, Holy Spirit, come. Bless this bread, and bless this fruit of the vine. Bless all of us in our eating and drinking at this table that our eyes may be opened, and we may recognize the risen Christ in our midst, in each other and in all for whom Christ died. Amen.

#### BREAKING BREAD AND POURING WINE

Through the broken bread we participate in the body of Christ.

Through the cup of blessing we participate in the new life Christ gives.

#### RESURRECTION ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is offered for us.
Therefore let us keep the feast.
Alleluia!

#### SHARING THE ELEMENTS

The gifts of God for the people of God. Come for all things are now ready.

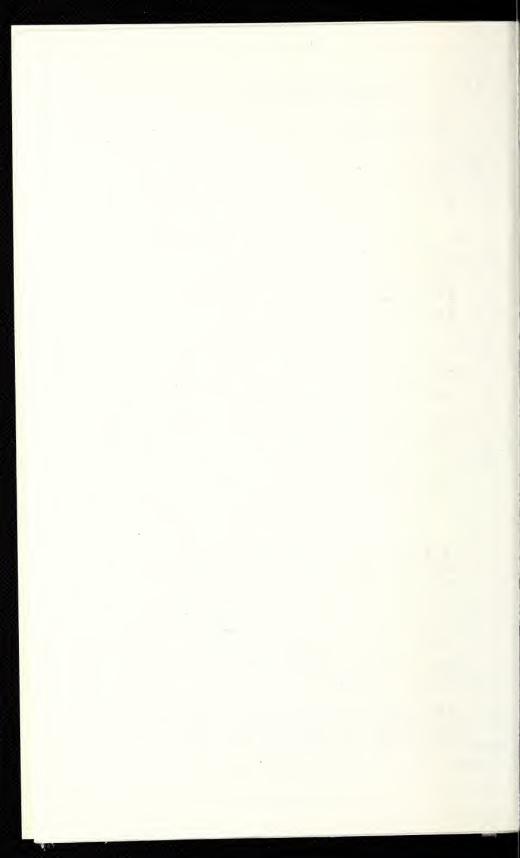
Eat this, for it is the body of Christ, broken for you. Amen.

Drink this, for it is the blood of Christ, shed for you. Amen.

#### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Jesus Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

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Silent Prayers and Assurance of Pardon

\*Gloria Patri (#513)

\*Passing of the Peace

Let us greet one another as bearers of the peace of Christ.

# WITNESS OF FAITH

Anthem

"Brightest and Best"

Paul Sjolund

(The text is that of hymn 126)

# RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Offering

Offertory "Behold, A Rose is Blooming" Johannes Brahms

\*Doxology (#515) and Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn 119 "As With Gladness Men of Old"

# PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayers of Intercession and Thanksgiving (using the Litany in the bulletin insert)

Choral Response

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 60:1-6 Matthew 2:1-12

Meditation

Rev. Lyon

# PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

using Liturgy II

Hymn 143

"We Three Kings"

Benediction

\*Choral Response "O May the Peace of God" Natalie Sleeth

Postlude "How Brightly Shines the Morning Star"

Dietrich Buxtehude

\*The congregation may stand at these points.

#### **EPIPHANY SUNDAY**

**JANUARY 6, 1991** 

Matthew 2:10

"Nations shall come to your light." "Give the king thy justice, O God, and thy righteousness to the royal son!" Traditional images pale at the anticipated truth: strangers in a strange land seeking a strange new king. They "saw;" they "rejoiced;" they "worshiped;" they "offered gifts;" they "departed by another way." And strangeness gives way to recognition, and then a new direction. Search the skies of your life, for an epiphany waits for you with new truth, a new and righteous king, and a new mission.

> Rev. C. Walter Long Church of the Manger Bethlehem. PA

#### EPIPHANY

Many of us Americans are a careless lot. In our Nativity creche scenes, we blithely mix shepherds and Magi. But the Three Wise men were not in the stable on that Holy Night. The Bible tells us that they arrived, bringing their gifts, sometime later.

In the Western churches, that event is known as Epiphany. Church teaching holds that it occurred twelve days after Christmas. Traditionally celebrated on January 6, Epiphany is frequently observed on the first Sunday after New Year's Day.

The word "epiphany" means visible manifestation of a divine being. In the Western tradition, it refers specifically to the acknowledgement of God's incarnation in Jesus. Many people associate that fact with Christmas. To be sure, on that morning the Angels and shepherds hailed the baby Jesus as the heavensent Messiah. But they were "insiders." Epiphany commemorates the first manifestation of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, the rest of the world, represented by the Magi.

The exchanging of gifts, an integral part of our Christmas ritual, obviously follows the Three Kings' example. Here, again, we Americans tend to disregard tradition. Our European and Latin Christian sisters and brothers are more faithful: They refrain from giving and receiving gifts until Epiphany, the "Twelfth Day of

Christmas."

Almost two thousand years have passed since Christmas. After all that time, perhaps it shouldn't be surprising that we have gotten our Christian feasts somewhat confused. But it's still unfortunate. For, most of us are not summoned, like the shepherds, from the fields nearby. Like the travelers from the East, we have to follow the star from afar.



The light was good

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January 13, 1991

11:00 A.

#### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Allegretto (Fourth Sonata) Felix Mendelsso Prelude Welcome, Passing of the Friendship Forms, and Announcement Daniel Ivers "Spirit of the Living God" Introit

Responsive Call to Worship

Give praise to God,

Who created the heavens and stretched them out,

Who spread forth the earth and its seed. L.

God gives breath to the peoples, Ρ. and spirit to the many who walk its terrain.

All the ends of the earth shall bow before God,

whose justice is sure, whose ways are inscrutable, Ρ. Yet who constantly seeks us in holy love. L.

Praise God, who alone is worthy of our loyalty!

Invocation and the Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

#### PRAISE OF GOD

"O Worship the King, All Glorious Above" \*Hymn #6 CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

## Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession Creator of all worlds, we confess to sporadic beliefs and inconsistent faithfulness. Before the mystery of the universe our minds cannot grasp a God who embraces infinity. In the face of natural disasters, nations sliding toward war despite themselves, and cruel inhumanity we doubt that Love reigns. Between our own actions and the best we know we see a wide gap that we cannot bridge. O God, reclaim us, and help us to reclaim our baptism; we need your healing, forgiving, transforming spirit. Amen.

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mrs. Reggie McLelland by a friend, Ruth Dunn.

THE 1991 ANNUAL REPORT will be ready for distribution next Sunday. Chairpersons of Boards and Committees who have not yet turned in their report, please have them in the church office by tomorrow morning so they can be included.

Articles for the "TORCH" are due tomorrow morning.

There will be a meeting of the <u>BOARD OF TRUSTEES</u> immediately after the service this morning in the Adult Sunday School Class Room.

Nursery today: Wilma Williamson Nursery next Sunday: Lou Harper

Child Care During Worship:

Today: Lou Harper and Rob Woody

Next Sunday: Ann Acquilano and Katie Brown

#### WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun., Jan. 13 - 8:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship Breakfast 9:45 a.m. Church School 11:00 a.m. Worship Service 12:00 noon Board of Trustees Adult S.S. Class Room 3:30 p.m. Middle High Youth 4:00 p.m. Committee for the Second Century 6:00 p.m. Discover Fellowship

Handbell Choir 7:00 p.m. Sun., Jan. 13 -Board of Deacons 7:00 p.m. Board of Christian 7:30 p.m. Education Prayer Group 10:30 a.m. Mon., Jan. 14 Fun Club 9:50 a.m. Tues., Jan. 15 Cub Scouts 7:00 p.m. Mother's Morning Out 9:00 a.m. Wed., Jan. 16 -Wonderful Wednesdays 4:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:30 p.m.

## SERVICE OF INSTALLATION AND ORDINATION

Minister: Hear these words from the Apostle Paul:

There are different kinds of spiritual gifts,

but the same Lord is served.

People: There are different ways of serving but the

same Lord is served.

Minister: There are different abilities to perform service,

but the same God gives ability to each of us for

our particular service.

People: The Spirit's presence is shown in some way in

each person for the good of all.

Minister: Christ is like a single body which has many parts.

It is still one body even though it is made up of People: different parts.

If one part of the body suffers, all the other Minister: parts suffer with it: if one part is praised, all the other parts share its happiness.

All of us are Christ's body, and each one is a People: part of it.

Minister: These persons have been called by God, in accordance with the faith and order of this church, to serve among us. They have accepted their call and stand before us in witness to their willingness to serve.

> Sisters and brothers, it is an honor to be entrusted with responsibility for particular service in the ministry of the Church. Having prayerfully considered the duties and responsibilities of your ministry, are you prepared to serve in Christ's name with God's help and for God's glory?

Officers. and Board Members:

I am so prepared, with God's help.

Do you promise to exercise your ministry Minister:

diligently and faithfully, showing forth the love of Christ?

Officers and Board

Members: I do, relying on God's grace. Minister: (Addressing the congregation) Members of this household of faith, you have heard the promises of our brothers and sisters in Christ who have answered God's call to service. Let us affirm our intention to live in covenant with them. Will those who are able rise and witness to the commitment we now make?

People: We stand in celebration of the joy that is ours to be partners with you in the service of Jesus Christ. We promise to love you, honor your leadership, and assist you, that together we may be a faithful Church of Jesus Christ.

(Candidates to be ordained Deacons, and Deacons already ordained, come forward.)

Minister: The laying on of hands is a symbolic act whereb the Church in every age recognizes God's call t ministry in the lives of faithful women and men and asks the Holy Spirit to confer upon them the gifts of the ministry. We now lay hands upon you for the position of Deacon.

(Candidates will kneel as hands are laid on eacone in silence)

May the Holy Spirit strengthen you for the ministry of Deacon in Christ's Church, and equip you with everything good to do God's will Receive authority to execute the office of Deac in the name of Christ.

Let us pray.

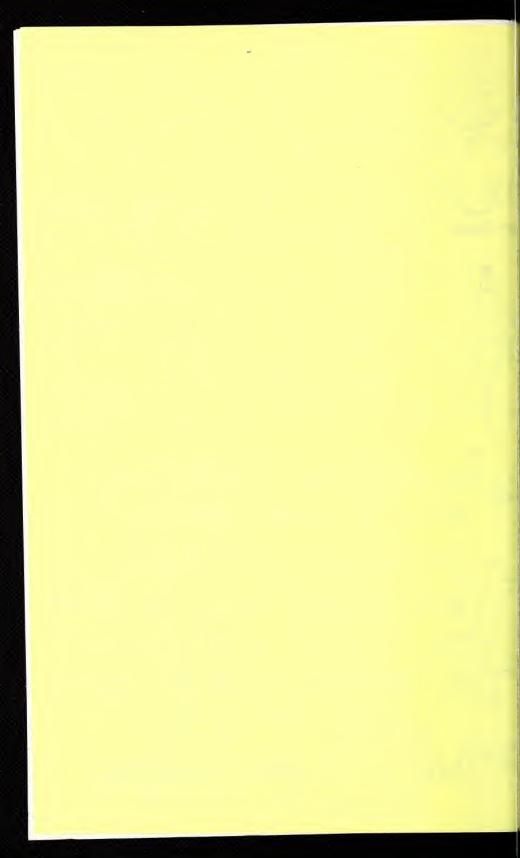
Eternal God, you have called these people to serve you in this household of faith and in the world, which you have entrusted to our care an keeping. Send your Holy Spirit on them that they may serve among us with honor and faithfuness. Help them to be diligent in their dutie that your church may prosper in the mission you place before it. May their example prove wort for all of us to follow, as we are united in Christ's ministry, to the glory of your name. Amen.

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COSSERY MILLS

MILL IN GLEN RAVENCONTINUE TO THE
FINISHING MILL BY RT85
TO VIEW THE DYING
PACKAGING PROCESS,
LUNCH AT NICK'S
WE WILL VAN & CARPOOL
BRING A FRIEND



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#### WITNESS OF FAITH

Anthem "Holy Spirit, Live In Me"
Words by Fanny J. Crosby Music by Charles Kirby

Holy Spirit, live in me; more like Jesus let me be; Fill my soul with peace and love, make me gentle as a dove. More like Jesus as I go--pilgrim in this world below; poor in spirit I would be; Holy Spirit, live in me. More like Jesus when I pray, more like Jesus day by day; He will teach me how to live, all my sinful ways forgive. Born of Him, by grace renewed, by His love my will subdued; rich in faith I still would be, Holy Spirit, live in me.

#### RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Offering

Offertory "Blessed Are Ye Faithful Souls" Johannes Brahms
Doxology (#515) and Praver of Dedication

Installation of Officers and Board Members and Ordination of Deacons

see liturgy

Hymn #418 "O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee"

# PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Scripture Reading: from Genesis 4:1-15

A reading from Come Sweet Death by B. David Napier

Prayer and Choral Response

# PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

H<mark>ymn #444 "O Day of God, Draw Nigh"</mark>

Benediction

Choral Response "Benediction" Gene Grier
Postlude Allegro (Fourth Sonata) Felix Mendelssohn

\*The congregation may stand at these points.

#### FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

JANUARY 13, 1991

Genesis 1:4

Can you even begin to imagine what it was like in our world before modern lighting? Try for a moment. Now, will your mind allow you to move further back—eons—to those moments of creation when the world was formless and dark? Try to imagine that for a moment. Then: "Let there be light." And it was good! Jesus' baptism and our baptism are evidence that God's good light still illuminates life. God calls us to be light-bearers in the world today.

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#### JUST PEACE APPEAL

Not so long ago, we in the United Church of Christ responded to a new understanding of peace that originated with our brothers and sisters in the Third World. They showed us that what the world called peace had little to do with what the prophets and Jesus preached. And so we expanded our concept of peace to include justice. But even that theme proved too limited. In 1989, when General Synod XVII voted a new United Church of Christ priority, delegates added the integrity of creation to justice and peace. Moreover, they placed it first rather than last in order to stress the American Indian perspective as well as the urgency of the environmental crisis.

None of the three aspects of the theme should be subordinated, however. After all, without justice there is no peace, and God's creation is destroyed; without peace there is neither integrity of creation nor justice; and without respect for the integrity of

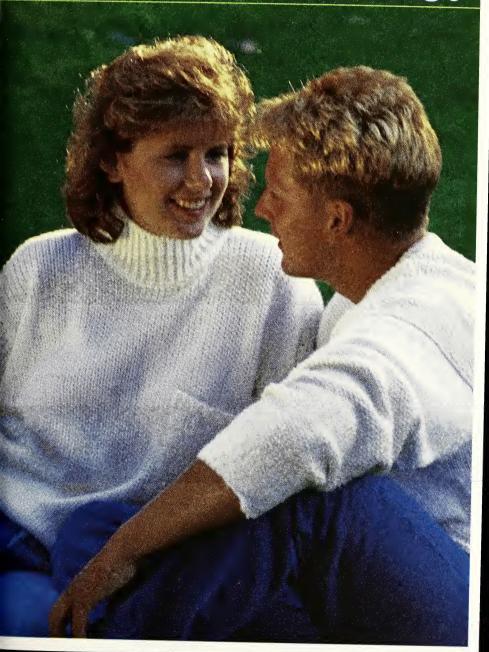
creation, both justice and peace are meaningless.

Issues involving God's creation have consistently been a part of the justice and peace agenda of the United Church of Christ. The dumping of toxic waste products in poor minority neighborhoods and communities; contamination of ground water around nuclear weapons plants; destruction of the Amazon rain forests, primeval habitat of indigenous peoples; and the Chernobyl, Bhopal, and Three Mile Island disasters are all inseparable from justice and peace.

Now that the relationship of the integrity of creation with justice and peace has been formally acknowledged in this new church priority, we have even more compelling reasons to support the

Just Peace Appeal this year.

# your bodies are members of Christ



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11:00 A.

#### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

"Choral"

Joseph Jon

Welcome, Passing of the Friendship Forms, and Announcemen

Introit

"Jesus, Be Present Now"

Dave Pe

Responsive Call to Worship (From Psalm 63:1-8)

L. O God, you are my God;

P. Eagerly I seek you.

L. My soul thirsts for you,

P. My flesh faints for you,

L. As in a barren and dry land

P. Where there is no water.

L. Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place,

P. That I might behold your power and glory.

L. For your loving-kindness is better than life itself;
my lips shall give you praise.

P. So I will bless you as long as I live and lift up my hands in your name.

L. My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness,

P. And my mouth praises you with joyful lips,

L. When I remember you upon my bed,

P. And meditate on you in the night watches.

L. For you have been my helper,

P. And under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.

L. My soul clings to you;

P. Your right hand holds me fast.

Invocation and the Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

#### PRAISE OF GOD

\*Hymn #1

"Our God, Our Help In Ages Past"

#### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Noon Friday, January 18, 1991

A Service of Worship for College and Community at this Time of International Crisis

Elon College Community Church

#### A Service of Worship at This Time of International Crisis Noon, January 18, 1991 \* Elon College Community Church

Prelude

**Invitation to Prayer** 

Call To Worship (unison)

We thank you, compassionate God, that you sent your Spirit to encourage those whom Jesus left behind that they might not be alone.

Through the comfort of your presence, you empowered them to witness to your love.

Today we also seek the encouragement of your presence. Do not leave us alone, O God, but send your Spirit to us that we may worship and serve you with joy; through Jesus the crucified and risen Savior. Amen.

Hymn: Almighty Father, Strong to Save

W. Whiting, R. Spencer

Almighty Father, strong to save, whose arm hath bound the restless wave, who bid'st the mighty ocean deep its own appointed limits keep: O hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.

O Christ, the Lord of hill and plain o'er which our traffic runs amain by mountain pass or valley low; wherever, Lord, thy loved ones go, protect them by thy guarding hand from every peril on the land.

O Spirit, whom the Father sent to spread abroad the firmament; O Wind of heaven, by the might save all who dare the eagle's flight, and keep them by thy watchful care from every peril in the air.

O Trinity of love and power, thy children shield in danger's hour; from rock and tempest, fire and foe, protect them wheresoe'er they go; thus evermore shall rise to thee glad praise from air and land and sea.

#### Prayer of Confession (unison)

O God. we confess that it is not easy to wait for you. Our world worships the power that acts quickly through force; how difficult it is for us to wait for the power of your rule which comes slowly through love. We confess. that though we pray for your reign of peace and justice, we take part in the ways of violence. We leave little room for you to act in our lives. We turn to you now in repentance and openness to your Spirit. Forgive us. and show us how to clear a path for you. Come to us in your Christ, and reveal your reign on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

#### **Assurance of Pardon**

God says:

Remember these things, O Israel, for you are my servant; you will not be forgotten by me.

I have swept away your transgressions like a cloud, and your sins like mist; return to me, for I have redeemed you.

I say to you in the name of Jesus the Christ, our sins are forgiven.

#### Scripture:

Psalm 46 (Responsive Reading 79, pg. 523)

The Epistle Romans 8: 22-27, 35-39

The Gospel Matthew 5: 43-48

#### Prayers of the People

(unison response: "Lord, hear our prayer.")

Hymn:

O for a World

Miriam Therese Winter

O for a world where everyone respects each other's ways. Where love is lived and all is done with justice and with praise.

O for a world where goods are shared and misery relieved. Where truth is spoken, children spared, equality achieved.

We welcome one world family and struggle with each choice That opens us to unity and gives our vision voice.

The poor are rich, the weak are strong, the foolish ones are wise. Tell all who mourn; Outcasts belong, who perishes will rise.

O for a world preparing for God's glorious reign of peace. Where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.

#### Benediction

#### Postlude

Worship Leaders:

Rev. John Irvine, Jr., Pastor, Elon College Community Church

Rev. Beth Lyon, Associate Pastor, Elon College Community Church

Rev. Richard McBride, Chaplain, Elon College

Rev. Joanne Soliday, Assistant to Provost, Elon College

Ms. Linda Dunn, Organist

Prayers from The United Church of Christ Book of Worship

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There will be a meeting of the CHURCH COUNCIL immediately after the worship service this morning.

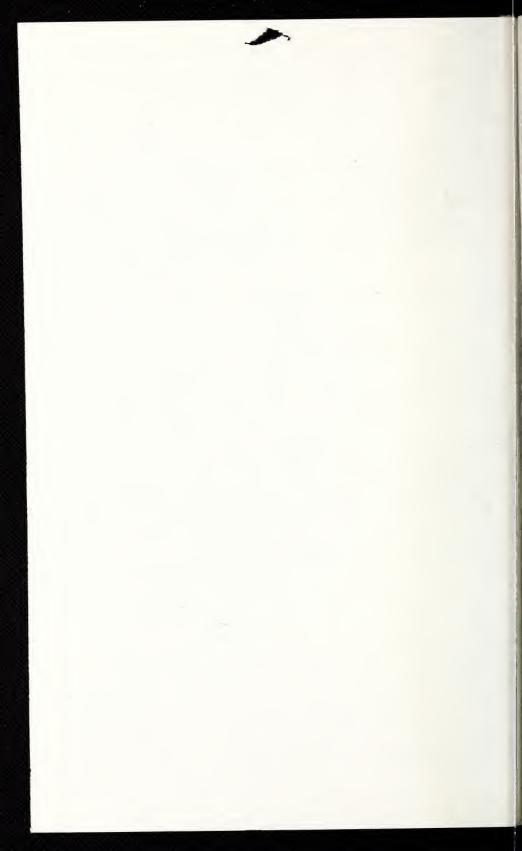
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Child Care During Worship:

Today: Ann Acquilano and Katie Brown Next Sunday: Carolyn Messick and Jamie Brown

#### WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun.,	Jan.	20	11:00 a.m. 12:00 noon 12:00 noon 4:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Church School Worship Service Church Council YETS Evangelism Committee Board of Missions Discover Fellowship Handbell Choir Martin Luther King Celebration - Cummings High School
Tues.,	Jan.	22 -	7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts Habitat for Humanity First Reformed
			7:30 p.m.	Wonderful Wednesdays Adult Choir Rehearsal
Thurs.,	Jan.	24 -	6:15 p.m.	District Men's Fellowship Bethel Church - Meet in S. Parking Lot to carpool.



Unison Prayer of Confession

O God, you speak in the voice out of the stillness. but we are quite overawed by the rolling thunder of our armaments. You speak in the depths of the heart tuned to hear, but our ears so itch for excitement they are tuned to too many frequencies and we miss your word. You speak from the lips of both strangers and friends, but we are too wrapped up in our own agendas to realize You are present. O forgive us who are so obstinate in our wilful ways; and by your mercy make us over into your faithful servants, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silent Prayers and Assurance of Pardon

\*Gloria Patri (#513)

\*Passing of the Peace

#### WITNESS OF FAITH

A Time With Children

Anthem "Here Am I, Send Me"

John Purifoy

#### RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Offering

Offertory "Prelude on Nettleton" Gerre Hancock

\*Doxology (#515) and Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn #446 "God the Omnipotent! King Who Ordainest"

### PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Scripture Reading: I Samuel 3:1-10

Sermon

"On Listening Carefully"

Prayer and Choral Response

### PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

\*Hymn #397

"Lord, Speak To Me, That I May Speak"

\*Benediction

\*Choral Response "God Bless You and Keep You" Jay Althouse \*Postlude "Fugue in C Major" Dietrich Buxtehude

\*The congregation may stand at these points.

### SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

JANUARY 20, 1991

1 Corinthians 6:15

Paul wrote to the Corinthians: If you are broken because of sin, you will be one piece again because "You are not your own; you were bought with a price." And what a price it was that God paid! What glorious news in a day when good news is so profoundly needed. As "members of Christ" we are raised up with him and offered unlimited possibilities for a future of love and service and wholeness.

Rev. C. Walter Long Church of the Manger Bethlehem, PA

#### "A PRIVATE MATTER"

My friends claim they are just as religious as I am. Only they don't need a church. They say religion is a private matter. Between them and God.

I guess they're stronger than I am. Sure, I need my moments alone with God. That's personal prayer time. But I also need other Christians. A support community, to begin with: People I can turn to when I'm grieving. When I'm sick. And simply when I'm lonely.

But that's not all.

I want to share my faith with other people. I don't mean on a soapbox. Or a street corner. But, when you're with a friend—someone you've gotten to know as a person. And you're talking about things, you know, like the meaning of life, and suffering, and joy. Well, I want to invite them to church with me.

Church means more to me than Sunday worship. It's loving your neighbors, too. And serving them. I can't do that alone; the church provides the opportunity. The food pantry. After-school tutoring. The battered women's shelter. And the friendly visitors program for shut-ins.

But my neighbors aren't only the people down the block. Or on the other side of the tracks. My neighbors are children with AIDS. Migrant farm workers. Prison inmates. They're starving Ethiopians and Sudanese. Afghan refugees. Exiles from El Salvador.

I can't reach out to those neighbors personally. But my church can. Because my congregation is part of the larger church—the denomination called the United Church of Christ.

Yes, my friends who say they don't need a church are stronger than I am. They can live without a support community of Christians, and I can't. They can get along without sharing their faith, and I can't. They may even find ways to serve their neighbors outside the church. But I can't.

I thank God for the church.



### ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH United Church of Christ Elon College, North Carolina

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Rev. Beth Gassert Lyon, Associate Pastor

Drs. William J. Andes and Alfred W. Hurst, Pastors Emer:
Mrs. Betty Walker, Organist and Choir Director
Crystal Bradley and Tara McKenna, Acolytes Today

January 27, 1991

11:00 A.

#### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude Intermezzo from Sonata #3 Joseph Rheinber Welcome, Passing of the Friendshop Forms, and Announcement Introit "Great Art Thou" Alice Jon

Responsive Call to Worship

- L. The Lord is our rock, our fortress, and our delivere
- P. Our God, our rock, in whom we take refuge.
- L. God is our shield, and the giver of salvation.
- P. Let us call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised!

Invocation and the Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

### PRAISE OF GOD

\*Hymn #21

"We Gather Together"

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

You give us new days, O God, and we proceed to leave them in a mess; you give us dear ones, and we manage to hurt them; you give us work to do, and we do not always bring our best effort to it. You give us a heritage to pass on, yet our children seem to learn it very poorly; you give us faith challenges, and our fears undercut our responses. You give us a lovely world, and we scar it badly; you give us fellow travelers on this planet who are different from us, and we find ourselves at war with them; you give us Jesus as the way, the truth and the life, and we pay him little attention. For gift upon

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THE ANNUAL MEETING of the congregation will immediately follow the worship service this morning.

Articles for the TORCH are due tomorrow morning.

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### WEEKLY CALENDAR

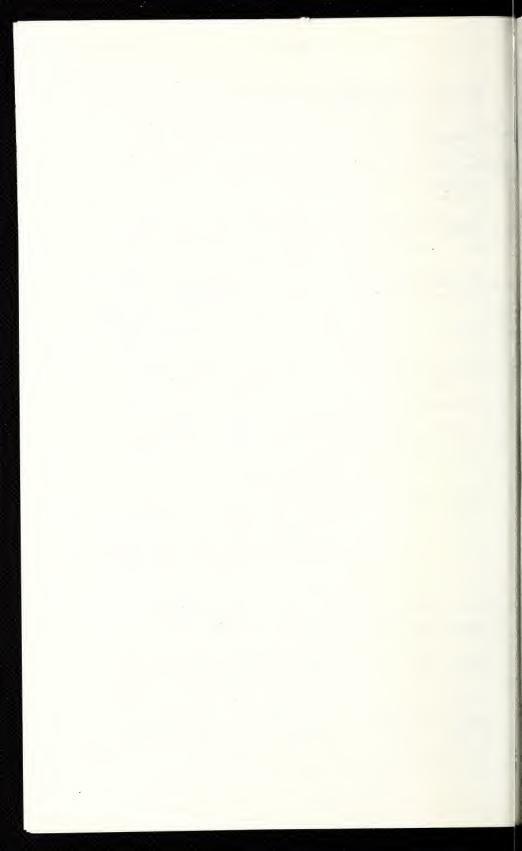
Sun., Jan. 27 - 9:45 a.m. Church School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
12:00 noon Annual Meeting
1:00 p.m. Middle High Ice Skating
7:00 p.m. Handbell Choir

Mon., Jan. 28 - 10:30 a.m. Prayer Group

Tues., Jan. 29 - 7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts

Wed., Jan. 30 - 9:00 a.m. Mother's Morning Out 4:30 p.m. Wonderful Wednesdays 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

Sat., Feb. 2 - 9:00 a.m. YETS Work Project at the parsonage



gift that we have abused or turned aside, forgive us. Turn us into new ways of living that will change our world for the better, for we ask it in Jesus' name. Amen.

Silent Prayers and Assurance of Pardon

\*Gloria Patri (#513)

\*Passing of the Peace

### WITNESS OF FAITH

A Time With Children

"Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation" Dale Wood Anthem (The text is found at hymn #263)

### RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Offering

Offertory Interlude on "Resignation" Gil Martin

\*Doxology (#515) and Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn #264 "O Where Are Kings and Empires Now"

### PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer and Choral Response

Scripture Reading: I Corinthians 9:24-27: Ephesians 6:10-17

"On the Relation Between Sports and Religion" Sermon

### PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

\*Hymn #306 "For All the Saints"

\*Benediction

\*Choral Response "Go Forth In Joy"

Alice Jordan

\*Postlude "Carillon" Louis Vierne

\*The congregation may stand at these points.

### THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

JANUARY 27, 1991

Mark 1:18

God had to call Jonah twice before he took the message of urgency to Nineveh and it was received. When Jesus issued his call to the fishermen, they responded immediately to his urgent call to leave their nets and follow him because "the Kingdom of God is at hand." And if there is any question of the urgency, Paul takes our breath away when he cries, "The appointed time has grown very short." That message of urgency is "Repent and believe in the gospel."

Rev. C. Walter Long Church of the Manger Bethlehem, PA

#### **ECUMENICAL SUNDAY**

"Live together in unity!" (Psalm 133:1) Have those not been watchwords of our forebears in the Christian faith? Before they stepped ashore at Plymouth, our Pilgrim precursors signed a compact to dwell in unity. On the Pennsylvania and Missouri frontiers, our German ancestors gathered together in unity. Even as our black grandparents endured racial discrimination and economic deprivation, they found strength in unity.

Finally, in 1957, Congregational and Reformed, Christian and Evangelical, our predecessor denominations covenanted together

to dwell in unity in the United Church of Christ.

Thirty years ago, that union was hailed as the beginning of a new ecumenical wave in Protestantism. The very open-ended name the denomination adopted seemed like an invitation for other communions to come and live together in unity.

But nothing like that has come to pass. Does that signal an end to ecumenism? No, Christians continue to heed the call to dwell in

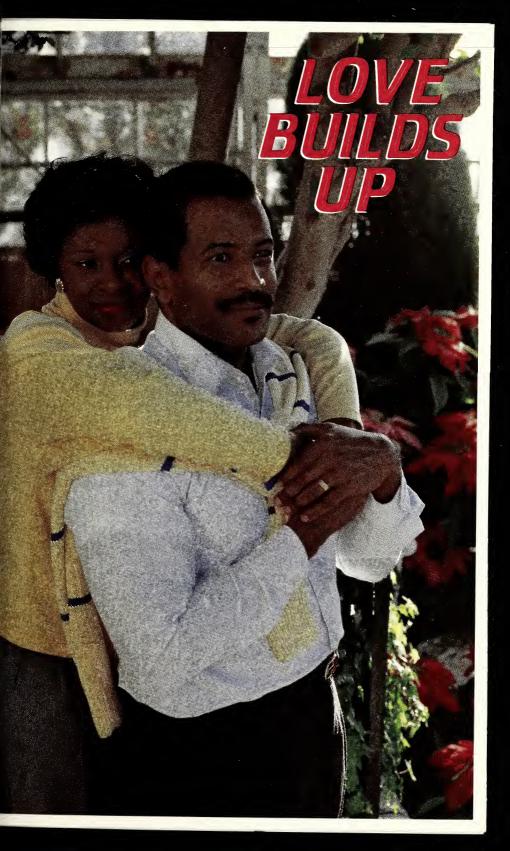
unity-but in new ways.

Today unity in mission is emphasized more than unity of structure. Where they join together in the name of the gospel, Protestant denominations have never been more ecumenical. Cooperative programs in relief, development, and refugee resettlement, Christian education, stewardship, and communications flourish on the national and international levels.

Today grassroots ecumenism is emphasized over unity in the hierarchies. Local church cooperation to meet problems of hunger and homelessness in the community are flourishing. Laity from various traditions share resources and programs regularly.

"Live together in unity!" The watchwords have not been

forgotten.



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February 3, 1991

11:00 A.

#### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude Prelude on "Christ, Whose Glory Fills The Skies Garth Edmund

Welcome, Passing of the Friendship Forms, and Announcemer
Introit "Praise Ye The Lord" Philip Ye

Responsive Call to Worship (from Psalm 111)

L. Alleluia!

P. I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation

L. Great are the deeds of the Lord!

They are studied by all who delight in them.

P. The Lord's work is full of majesty and splendor; the Lord's righteousness endures forever.

L. All the Lord's commandments are sure; they stand fast for ever and ever, because they are done in truth and equity.

P. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; those who act accordingly have a good understanding the Lord's praise endures for ever.

Invocation and the Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

### PRAISE OF GOD

\*Hymn #147 "All Praise to Thee, For Thou, O King Diving CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Compassionate and patient God, we confess that we consistently ignore the authority of Jesus revealed in Scripture; we often dismiss his words as idealistic or outdated, and use his miracles as if they were magical

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Renovation on the Parish House begins tomorrow. If you have any personal items in the building such as cooking utensils etc. please pick them up this morning after church.

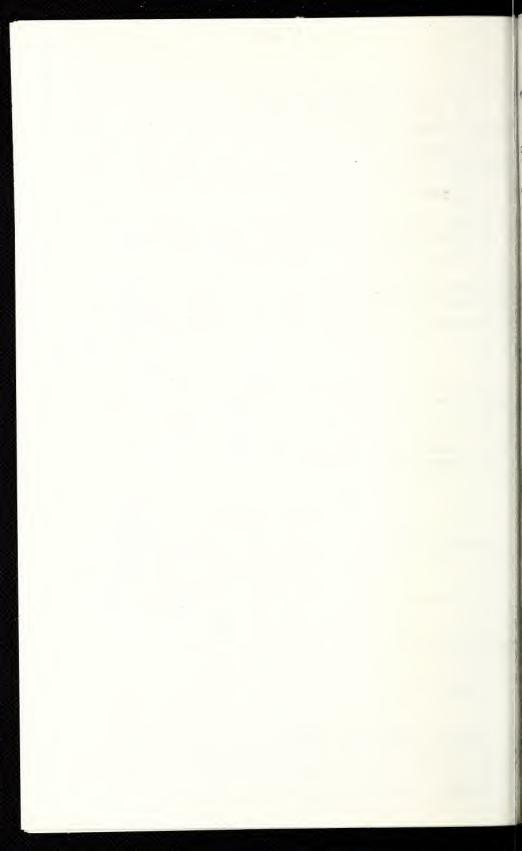
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### WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun.,	Feb. 3	3 -	11:00 a.m. 3:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Church School Worship Service Movie for Senior Highs Handbell Choir Board of Christian Ed.
Mon.,	Feb. 4		10:30 a.m. 7:30 p.m.	Circle 1 Circle 2 - Home of Dorcas Lohr
Tues.,	Feb. 5	-	7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Cub Scouts Circle 3 - Library
Wed.,	Feb. 6	-	4:30 p.m.	Mother's Morning Out Wonderful Wednesdays Adult Choir Rehearsal
Thurs.,	Feb. 7	-	7:00 p.m.	Committee for Second Cen.



### SERVICE OF INSTALLATION AND ORDINATION

Minister: Hear these words from the Apostle Paul:

There are different kinds of spiritual gifts.

but the same Lord is served.

eople: There are different ways of serving but the

same Lord is served.

dinister: There are different abilities to perform service.

but the same God gives ability to each of us for

our particular service.

The Spirit's presence is shown in some way in eople:

each person for the good of all.

Christ is like a single body which has many parts. inister:

It is still one body even though it is made up of

different parts.

inister: If one part of the body suffers, all the other

parts suffer with it: if one part is praised, all

the other parts share its happiness.

All of us are Christ's body, and each one is a eople:

part of it.

These persons have been called by God, through inister: their election by our congregation. They have

accepted their call and stand before us in witness to their willingness to serve.

Sisters and brothers, it is an honor to be entrusted with responsibility for particular service in the ministry of the Church. Having prayerfully considered the duties and responsi-

bilities of your ministry, are you prepared to serve in Christ's name and for his glory?

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I am so prepared, with God's help.

inister: Do you promise to exercise your ministry

dilligently and faithfully, showing forth the love of Christ?

I do so promise, trusting in the Holy Spirit to help me.

Minister: (Addressing the congregation) Members of this household of faith, you have heard the promises of our brothers and sisters in Christ who have answered God's call to service. Let us affirm our intention to live in covenant with them by standing in witness to the commitment we now make.

People:
(standing) We stand in celebration of the joy that is ours
to be partners with you in the service of Jesus
Christ. We promise to love you, honor your
leadership, and assist you, that together we ma
be a faithful Church of Jesus Christ.

(Candidates to be ordained Deacons, and Deacons already ordained, come forward.)

Minister: The laying on of hands is a symbolic act wherebe the Church in every age recognizes God's call to ministry in the lives of faithful women and men and asks the Holy Spirit to confer upon them the gifts of the ministry. We now lay hands upon you for the office of Deacon.

(Candidates will kneel as hands are laid on eac one in silence)

May the Holy Spirit strengthen you for the ministry of Deacon in Christ's Church, and equi you with everything good to do God's will. Receive authority to execute the office of Deacon in the name of Christ.

Let us pray.

Eternal God you have called these persons to serve you in this Household of Faith, and in th world which you have entrusted to our care and keeping. Send your Holy Spirit upon us all as we adventure together in this new year for Elon College Community Church. Empower these person as they begin their duties. Energize your church to prosper in mission and service. Enabl us all to be worthy of the ministry we share in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

proofs of some abstract doctrine--all so that we may avoid the implications of his teachings and actions for our lives and lifestyles. Forgive us, we pray. Place the authority of Jesus before us in ways that we cannot dismiss: and help us to respond as true disciples. In his name we pray. Amen.

Silent Prayers and Assurance of Pardon

\*Gloria Patri (#513)

\*Passing of the Peace

#### WITNESS OF FAITH

A Time With Children

"Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies" Anthem

S. Frederick Candlyn

(The text is found at hymn #43)

### RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Service of Installation and Ordination

see insert

Offering

Offertory "Prelude on "Now Woods and Fields Are Sleeping" Garth Edmundson

\*Doxology (#515) and Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn #372 "How Firm A Foundation" stanzas 1,2,4,5

### PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer and Choral Response

Scripture Reading: Mark 1:21-28

Sermon

"Jesus And Authority"

### PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

\*Hymn 217

"Lord of All Hopefulness"

\*Benediction

\*Choral Response "O May the Peace of God" Natalie Sleeth

\*Postlude Postlude in A Minor Benedetto Marcello

<sup>\*</sup>The congregation may stand at these points.

### FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

**FEBRUARY 3, 1991** 

1 Corinthians 8:1

Paul speaks frequently of the relative merits of knowledge and love. He says that knowledge is a transient part of life, whereas love is the greatest part, even among faith and hope. When Alexander Pope wrote, "A little learning is a dangerous thing," he was echoing Paul's words, "knowledge puffs up." There is in life something more critical, more vital, more desirable than a transitory knowledge. There is love, which builds up, and upon which we can sustain life and relationships.

Rev. C. Walter Long Church of the Manger Bethlehem, PA

### CONNECTEDNESS, INCLUSIVENESS, PARTNERSHIP

As we begin the annual observance of UCC Women's Week, I think of three words: connectedness, inclusiveness, and partnership. Each is a word that the Coordinating Center for Women has used to

express our way of being in relationship with women.

Connectedness. In the early days of CCW, we recognized our need to be more closely connected to women in the church. We established UCC Women in Mission to encourage that connectedness. Through UCC Women in Mission we created networks of support, nurture, and advocacy. Many women and men in the church have responded generously, sharing our vision of connectedness and equality, as well as a common commitment to the mission of the UCC.

Inclusiveness is rooted in our commitment to inclusive language. But it is sharpened by the stretching of our sensitivities to include global and ecumenical concerns, economic justice, and the end of discrimination and violence against women. Inclusiveness is both a way we use language and a way we think about and behave in relation to others. It is expressed in sharing our joys, our concerns, our commitment to justice, and our faith experience with others.

Partnership. The partnership relationship between the CCW and the Department of Church Women in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is firmly in place. In addition, we nurture and celebrate partnership relationships with women from 30 other communions as we participate, through the U.S. Committee, in the 1988-1998 Ecumenical Decade of the Churches in Solidarity with Women.

Connectedness, inclusiveness, and partnership represent values we share with women, not only within our communion but beyond.

Marilyn Breitling Executive Director Coordinating Center for Women

listen to him" This is my beloved Son;

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Jesse Barbour, Rob Woody, and Don Danley, Liturgist Toda

February 10, 1991 BOY SCOUT SUNDAY

11:00 A. I

### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude "Prelude on a Southern Folk Hymn"

Lee H. Bristol,

Welcome, Passing of the Friendship Forms, and Announcemen "Now God Be Praised" Melchoir Vulp Introit

Responsive Call to Worship

Come to the mountaintop to pray, for God will not keep silence.

We gather to listen for God's word and to make Ρ. our response.

Come to the light of God's revelation, for we are L. in darkness apart from God's love.

The light shines in our hearts, giving knowledge Ρ. of the glory of God in the face of Christ.

Invocation and the Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

### PRAISE OF GOD

\*Hymn #150 "O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High"

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Responsive Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

- L. Lord, we have remained cool to the fire of your word; we have not dared to live for others.
- Restore us, O God; let thy face shine, that we may Ρ. be saved.
- L. Lord, we have failed to love; we have turned from those who love us, and chosen not to see those who need us.

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1990 FOURTH QUARTER FINANCIAL STATEMENTS are available in the upstairs Sunday School hallway.

Articles for the TORCH are due tomorrow morning.

Nursery today: Lou Harper

Nursery next Sunday: Andrea Albertson

Child Care During Worship:

Today: Maxine Rich and Rob Woody

Next Sunday: Cile Welborn and Jamie Brown

#### WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun.,	Feb.	10		11:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m. 4:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Church School Worship Service Middle Highs Inquirer's Class Discover Fellowship Handbell Choir
Mon.,	Feb.	11	-	10:30 a.m.	Prayer Group
Tues.,	Feb.	12	_	7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
Wed.,	Feb.	13	-	4:30 p.m.	Mother's Morning Out Wonderful Wednesdays Ash Wednesday Service
Thurs.,	Feb.	14	-	7:00 p.m.	Board of Deacons
Fri.,	Feb.	15	-	9:00 a.m.	Second Century Campaign Committee

## CUB SCOUT PACK 51 ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Cubmaster: George Troxler

Asst. Cubmaster: Junior Bare
Asst. Cubmaster: Deboray Danley
Asst. Cubmaster: Chris Buckner

Den Leader Coach

Asst. Cubmaster: Diane Whittington Tiger Cubs

Den 1 Judy Wyrick, Den Leader Dorene Crimi, Asst. Den Leader

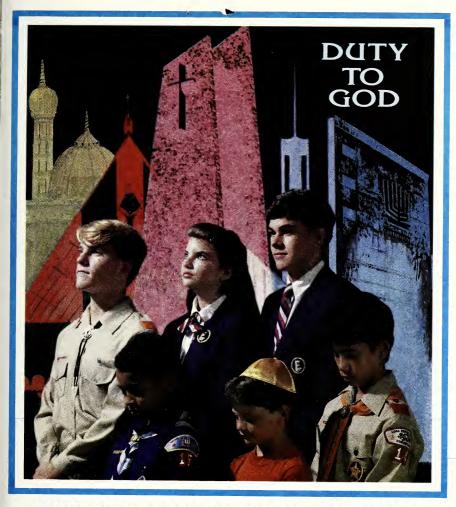
Trey McPherson
Andy Shutt
Michael Russell
Roger Rollins
Bobby Anderson
Bradley Burton
Robert Whitehead
John David Nash
Clark Bradsher

Den 2 Mary Ann Johnson, Den Leader Mimi Duncan, Asst. Den Leader

Christopher Manning
Carson Johnson
Joshua Bright
Brinkley Messick
Shannon Sisell
Kevin Kelly
Loren Evory
Bryan Vouk
Christopher Dillon
Nic Lamphier

Den 3 Tammie Beck, Den Leader G. W. Matkins, Den Leader Tom Vouk, Den Leader

Jeffrey Beck
Justin Matkins
Zachary Honaker
William Thomas Vouk
T. J. Stecker
Joshua Moody



THE 12TH POINT OF THE SCOUT LAW. .

## A SCOUT IS REVERENT

### **The Tiger Cub Promise**

I promise to love God, my family and my country, and to find out about the world.

### **The Boy Scout Oath**

On my honor I will do my best To do my duty to God and my country . . .

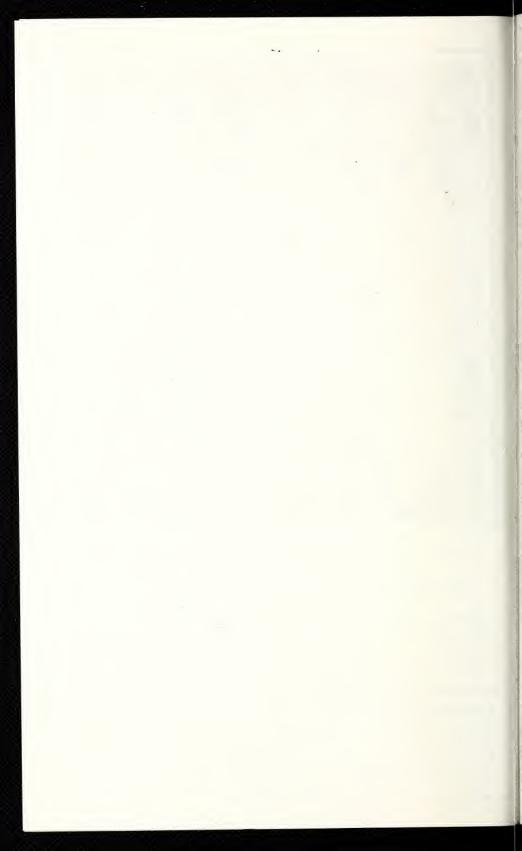
### **The Cub Scout Promise**

I promise to do my best to do my duty to God and my country . . .

### **The Explorer Code**

I believe that America's strength lies in her trust in God and in the courage and strength of her people.

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Webelos Den 1 Second Oscar Lansen, Den Leader

Josh Carden, Den Chief

Year

Jeremy Ireland
Josh Johnson
Craig Wyrick
Dylan Bragg
Brent Hampton
Jeffrey Rollins
Justin Slade
Nathan Hall
Justin Todd

Webelos Den 2 Henry Buckner, Den Leader Andy Halsey, Asst. Den Leader

First Year Jacob Weatherston
Justin Buckner
Morgan Sisell
Paul Jarrett
Patrick Byrnett
Gray Currin
Kenny Dickens
Jason Miller

Webelos Den 3 Leslie Gipple, Den Leader Kevin Mobley, Den Chief

First Year

Brennan Stafford Mark Barbee Bracy Maynard Kevin Russell Nathan Gill J. T. Immel Kyle Wall

Unit Commissioner Don Henley

District Executive Gary Earley

#### BOY SCOUT TROOP 51

Zac Arcaro

Jesse Barbour

Don Barnes

Jared Buckner

Josh Carden

Tony Coble

Don Danley

Tommy Debruler

Robby Disher

Chris Faulkner

Bob Giles

Benjie Holt

Mark Kennedy

Kevin Mobley

Jason Morgan

Scott Reavis

Aaron Rice

Eladio Roman

Mark Wheeley

Scott Williamson

Keith Woody

#### Scoutmasters

Jim Barbour Frank Danley Oscar Lansen Mike Kelley

#### THE PRAYERS FOR GOD'S PEOPLE

Let us pray for the universal Church of Christ and for all people according to their needs.

Silence

O God, grant us your peace:
And salvation to all the world.

Strengthen your Church:
And increase it day by day.

Guide all Christians in the way of unity:
And grant that we may grow in your love.

Give your grace to all ministers of your Church, especially your servant John, our pastor:

And strengthen them in the ministry of your Word and Sacraments.

Bless, we pray, all those who work for the spread of your Gospel in the world: And encourage the messengers of your saving love.

Direct the minds of those who are seeking Christ:
And make them strong in faith.

Guide the world in the way of peace:
And direct the leaders of the nations.

Bring all peoples into the path of justice and harmony: And into obedience to your commands.

Direct all those in authority, especially the President of the United States:

And give them the spirit of service.

May this city and state flourish:
For the welfare and blessing of the people.

Look with favor upon universities and schools:

That knowledge may be acquired for your glory and the benefit of humanity.

Heal the sick and the afflicted: And help all those in trouble.

May those who are near death have the assurance of your presence:

That they may entrust themselves to your loving care.

Give your strength to those who dedicate themselves to the healing of the sick:

And help them to minister to all who suffer pain.

May the wants of the needy be supplied, and the hungry be fed:

And help us to relieve their suffering.

Grant us your grace that we may hear your Holy Word:
And help us both th receive and fulfill it. Amen.

- P. Restore us, O God; let thy face shine, that we may be saved.
- Lord, we have failed as your peacemakers; we have L. continued to live by violence, in our homes, our cities and our country.
- Restore us, O God; let thy face shine, that we P. may be saved.
- Our God is a loving God who forgives those who L. repent and turn again. May God forgive you your sins, strengthen your repentance, and open to you the fullness of God's life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

\*Gloria Patri (#513)

\*Passing of the Peace

#### WITNESS OF FAITH

A Time With Children

"Open My Eyes, That I May See" Anthem arr. Gil Martin

### RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Offering

Offertory "All Things Bright and Beautiful" John Rutter Junior Choir

Doxology (#515) and Prayer of Dedication

Hymn #228 "Loye Divine, All Loves Excelling"

(Children second grade and younger have the option of leaving for child care downstairs during the last stanza)

### PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Litany of Intercession and Choral Response (see insert)

Collect

Sermon

Scripture Reading: Mark 9:2-9

PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

Rev. Lyon

Benediction

Hymn #62 "God Be With You Till We Meet Again"

Postlude "Carillon" Louis Vierne

\*The congregation may stand at these points.

### FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

FEBRUARY 10, 1991 Mark 9:7

Rev. C. Walter Long Church of the Manger Bethlehem, PA

#### **RACE RELATIONS SUNDAY**

Our annual observance of Race Relations Sunday coincides with ominous signs of increasing intolerance in America. From New York to North Carolina, California to Georgia, incidents of hatred and violence have poisoned race relations. Voices of fear and hatred threaten to drown out the counsels of patience and hope.

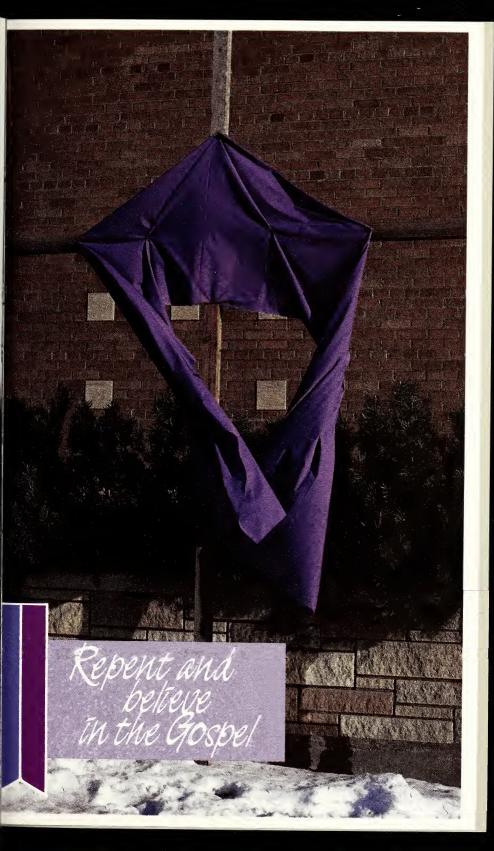
It was the same back in 1966. When Martin Luther King, Jr., led a campaign for racial justice in Chicago, he was met by mobs of rock-throwing whites. "I've never seen anything like it—even in Mississippi and Alabama," he exclaimed.

The failure of the Chicago Freedom Movement left Dr. King deeply depressed. Some of his colleagues bitterly concluded that most white Americans did not believe in racial equality. Black separatists urged them to repudiate racial integration.

But Dr. King did not give up hope. He remembered that when a brick had struck him at one of the demonstrations a white man was marching at his side. Nor would he embrace violence. "Darkness cannot drive out darkness," he said: "only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate: only love can do that."

He assured his staff that their organization would never reject whites. "There have been too many hymns of hope, too many anthems of expectation . . . for us to turn back now. We must still sing 'Black and White Together, We Shall Overcome.'

Two years later, Martin Luther King, Jr., died, still struggling to improve race relations in America. Let us all renew our commitment to his courageous vision on this Race Relations Sunday.



#### ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH United Church of Christ Elon College, North Carolina

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February 17, 1991

11:00

### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude "Prelude on Two Traditional Tunes"

Lee Hastings Bristol

Welcome, Passing of the Friendship Forms, and Announcem

Introit "Out of the Depths"

Johann Wa

Extinguishing of the Lenten Candle Soloist: Ray Covington

Responsive Call to Worship

- L. We have gathered in the presence of God our Creato who sets before us the ways of life and death.
- P. We have gathered in the presence of Jesus the Ch who calls us to accept the cost of discipleship that we may know its joy.

L. We have gathered in the presence of the Holy Spiri who sustains us in trial and rejoicing.

All: In our living and in our dying, we belong to God In the shadow of God's wings, we sing for joy.

Let us worship God.

Invocation and the Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

### PRAISE OF GOD

\*Hymn #80 "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

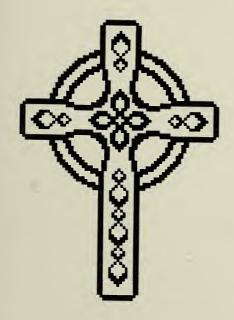
### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Responsive Prayer of Confession

We confess, gracious God, that we are not worthy of love for us. You lead us out of the land of slavery; ye when the journey is hard, we long to return to the comfo

# **ASH WEDNESDAY**



February 13, 1991 \* 7:30 pm ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH

#### **GREETING**

#### **LEADER**

Let us look to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was waiting endured the cross.

#### **SENTENCES**

#### **LEADER**

Jesus came to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to liberate those who are oppressed, and to proclaim the year of God's favor.

#### **HYMN OF ADORATION**

"O Love, That Wilt Not Let Me Go"

#### **CONFESSION OF SIN**

#### **LEADER**

As disciples of Jesus Christ, we are called to struggle against everything that leads us away from the love of God and neighbor.

Repentance, fasting, prayer, study, and works of love help us return to that love.

I invite you, therefore, to commit yourselves to love God and neighbor by confessing your sin and by asking God for strength to persevere in your Lenten discipline.

Let us pray.

#### **PEOPLE**

Most holy and merciful God: We confess to you and to one another, and to the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth, that we have sinned by our own fault in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

#### LEADER

We have not loved you with all our heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others as we have been forgiven.

#### PEOPLE

Have mercy on us, O God.

#### **LEADER**

We have been deaf to your call to serve as Christ served us.

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e have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved your Holy Spirit.

#### EOPLE

ave mercy on us, O God.

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e confess to you, O God, all our past unfaithfulness. re pride, hypocrisy, and impatience in our lives,

#### EOPLE

e confess to you, O God.

#### EADER

ur self-indulgent appetites and ways and our exploitation of other people, ur anger at our own frustration d our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves,

#### EOPLE

'e confess to you, O God.

#### EADER

ur intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts and our dishonesty in our daily life and work, ur negligence in prayer and worship ad our failure to commend the faith that is in us,

#### EOPLE

'e confess to you, O God.

#### EADER

ccept our repentance, O God, for the wrongs we have done. For our neglect human need and suffering and our indifference to injustice and cruelty,

#### EOPLE

ccept our repentance, O God.

#### EADER

or all false judgements, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us,

or our waste and pollution of your creation and our lack of concern for those who come after us,

#### **EOPLE**

ccept our repentance, O God.

**LEADER** 

Restore us, O God, and let your anger depart from us.

**PEOPLE** 

Favorably hear us, O God, for your mercy is great. Amen.

### **IMPOSITION OF ASHES**

Turn away from your sins and believe the good news.

**LEADER** 

Accomplish in us, O God, the work of your salvation,

**PEOPLE** 

That we may show forth your glory.

**LEADER** 

By the cross and passion of our Savior,

**PEOPLE** 

Bring us with all your saints to the joy of Christ's resurrection.

**ALL** 

Amen.

**LEADER** 

Almighty God does not desire the death of sinners, but rather that they maturn from their wickedness and live. Therefore we implore God to grant us true repentance and the gift of the Holy Spirit that those things which we do this day may be pleasing to God, that the rest of our lives may be lived faith fully, and that at the last we may come to God's eternal joy; through Jesus the Christ.

ALL

Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM "Behold the Great Redeemer Die"

### SCRIPTURE AND MEDITATION

Psalm 51:1-17 (responsive reading #80, p. 523)

2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

PASSING THE PEACE

EADER The Peace of Christ be with you.

EOPLE And also with you.

#### **OMMUNION HYMN**

"Bread of the World In Mercy Broken"

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#### OMMUNION PRAYER

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e praise and bless you for creation and the gift of life d for your abiding love which brings us close to you, e source of all blessing.

e thank you for revealing your will for us

the giving of the law d in the preaching of the prophets.

e thank you especially at in the fullness of time you sent Jesus, on of Mary, live in our midst, share in our suffering, d to accept the pain of death the hands of those whom Jesus loved.

e rejoice that in a perfect victory over the grave

you raised Christ with power to become sovereign in your realm.

We celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit to gather your church by which your work may be done in the world and through which we share the gift of eternal life. With the faithful in every place and time, we praise with joy your holy name:

ALL
Holy, holy, holy God
of love and majesty,
the whole universe speaks of your glory,
O God Most High.

#### **LEADER**

We remember that on the night of betrayal and desertion, Jesus took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, and gave it to the disciples, saying: "This is my body which is broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way, Jesus also took the cup, after supper, saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

#### **LEADER**

Consecrate, therefore, by your Holy Spirit, these gifts of bread and wine, and bless us that as we receive them at this table, we may offer you our faith and praise, we may be united with Christ and with one another, and we may continue

ithful in all things.

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the strength Christ gives us,
e offer ourselves to you, eternal God,
ad give thanks that you have called us to serve you.
men.

## REAKING BREAD AND POURING WINE

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hrough the broken bread re participate in the body of Christ. hrough the cup of blessing re participate in the new life Christ gives.

#### HE LORD'S PRAYER

#### HARING THE ELEMENTS

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rink this, for it is the blood of Christ, shed for you.

**EOPLE** 

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EADER

our Savior Jesus Christ keep and preserve you to everlasting life.

## RAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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Ve thank you, God, for inviting us to this table where we have known the presence of Christ nd have received all Christ's gifts. nd let us show forth your praise in our lives; brough Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

"Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"

## **COMMISSIONING**

#### **LEADER**

Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all people; love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

#### BENEDICTION

#### **LEADER**

Hear the promise of Jesus Christ: Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.

The grace of Jesus Christ be with you all.

## PEOPLE

Amen.

## Worship Leaders:

Dr. John M. Irvine, Jr., Pastor, Elon College Community Church Rev. Beth Lyon, Associate Pastor, Elon College Community Church Rev. Richard McBride, Chaplain, Elon College Mrs. Betty Walker, Organist, Elon College Community Church of our chains. You speak to us through your prophets, telling us how our rebellion hurts and angers you; yet we harden our hearts and close our ears. You come to us in Jesus, revealing your love for all people and suffering pain for us; and we do not turn in love and obedience to you.

We do that which we ought not to do, and we leave undone those things we ought to do. There is no health in us. Sinful and rebellious as we are, we cannot trust in ourselves and the things that we do; we can trust only in your grace. Speak the word, O God, and we shall be made free. Forgive us, receive us, and give us courage to serve you with renewed hearts and wills; through the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.

\*Gloria Patri (#513)

\*Passing of the Peace

## WITNESS OF FAITH

Anthem

"O Come and Mourn" Loonis McGlohon (The text is that of Hymn #164)

## RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Reception of New Associate Members

see insert

Offering

Offertory "Prelude on 'O Sacred Head'" Garth Edmundson

\*Doxology (#515) and Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn #381 "My Faith, it is an Oaken Staff"

(Children second grade and younger have the option of leaving for child care downstairs during the last stanza)

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer

Scripture Reading:

Mark 1:9-15

Meditation

"A Lenten Journey"

## PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

using Liturgy C

\*Hymn #376 "Lead Us, O Father, in the Paths of Peace"

\*Benediction

\*\*Choral Response "Father, Give Thy Benediction"

\*Postlude "Postlude on 'A Paschal Chorale'" Garth Edmund

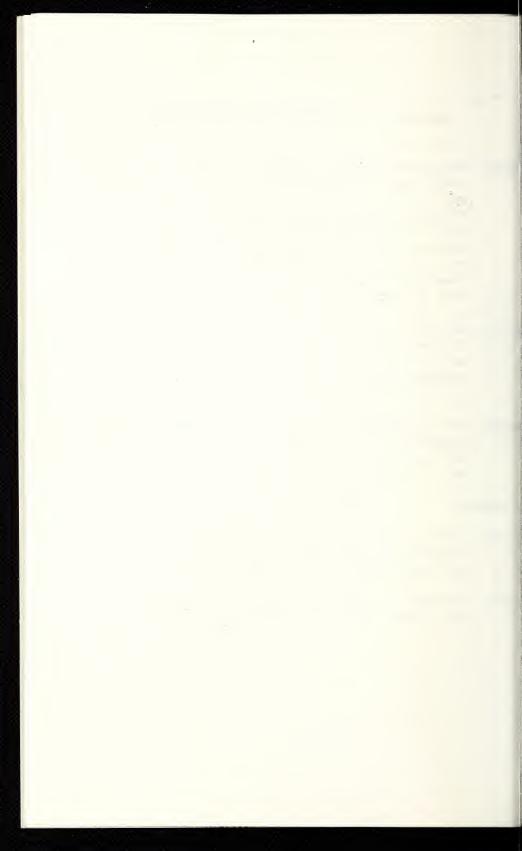
\*The Congregation may stand at these points.

Joining our congregation as Associate members this morn: are three Elon College students: Julia Morris, whose he church is Atlantic United Methodist Church of Atlantic, Lisa Naatjes, whose home church is Providence Presbyter: Church of Fairfax, VA; and Jeff Harlow, whose home church is Lewisville United Methodist Church, Lewisville, NC.

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#### CEREMONY OF RECEPTION INTO MEMBERSHIP

- ople: We offer you our love and support. We invite you to share your gifts with us, and promise to share ours with you, since God has apportioned varieties of gifts among us for the common good, for the building up of the Body of Christ in the world.
- der: Do you promise to be a faithful member of this congregation, and a faithful steward of the gifts God has given you, thereby fulfilling your calling as a disciple of our Lord Jesus?
- Members: I so promise, relying on God's grace.
- son: O God, grant that we may live out our discipleship together in ways that bring honor to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.
- der: On behalf of the congregation, I extend to you the right hand of fellowship.



#### COMMUNION LITURGY C

To this table we welcome all who own Jesus as Savior and Lord, who desire the mercy of God and peace with their neighbor, and who seek strength and companionship to follow the way of Christ.

Gracious God, we pray that you will grant us strength through this sacrament, according to the promises of Christ. Increase in us, and among us, the sense of his presence.

As they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after saying the blessing, he broke it and gave it to his disciples. "Take it and eat," he said, "this is my body." Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them. "Drink from this, all of you," he said, "this is my blood, the blood of the covenant, which is to be poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins."

Lord, we pause before the avesome mystery of this food. Your Spirit formed the earth and warmed it by the sun, gave life to the buried seed, and nourished it through snow and rain; so that in dying, the seed burst forth with new life after its pattern.

Your stewards prepared and planted, tended and harvested, milled and ground, crushed and strained, baked and blended, packaged and transported and marketed this food, so that today we may rejoice in this royal meal.

Your Spirit formed and filled the Christ, out of the wonderful history of your people. He walked the earth setting others free from sin and disease and fear to live in the joy of faith. He died on the cross, was buried, and then burst forth into new life, so that we might reach new life after his pattern.

(continued)

As the grain comes to new life in our mind and muscle, as the grape refreshes and once again becomes vital, so the Spirit has new life in us and through us.

But must we be broken as the grain was broken? Must we be yielding as the grape was yielding? Must we be willing as Christ was willing? Must we die in order to come to new life?

Jesus said, "He who finds his life will lose it, and he who loses his life for my sake will find it."

Speak to us, Lord, through this mystery.

(The elements are distributed.)

Unison Prayer after Communing:

Lord Jesus Christ, we have received here good gifts at your pierced hands:

the taste of your mystery, the power of your peace,

the refreshment of your life,

the close fellowship of your people. We have had time to take stock of our lives, to ponder afresh the direction of our pilgrimage. Help us to absorb these communion gifts, so that within us and among us the Kingdom of God may become real, after your pattern.

Amen.

# FUN CLUB MEETING

PRESIDENTS BIRTHDAY BASH



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THE PRESIDENTS INVITE YOU TO ATTEND THEIR BIRTHDAY PARTY TO BE HELD ON FEBRUARY 19TH.

THE FUN CLUB WILL MEET IN THE PARISH PARKING
LOT AT 10:00 AM ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19 FOR A
VAN TRIP TO THE HOLIDAY INN FOR A MORNING OF
SURPRISE FESTIVITIES AND A BUFFET LUNCH.
TENTATIVE PLANS ARE FOR MONA AND DEE ATKINSON
TO HOST THE AFFAIR WHICH MEANS THAT YOU CAN
COUNT ON AN ESPECIALLY INTERESTING MEETING.
THE SURPRISE PART OF THE MORNING WILL OCCUR
IN THE EVENT THAT MONA AND DEE DO NOT RETURN
FROM THEIR SHORE VISIT IN TIMELY FASHION!!!
TO DETERMINE THE OUTCOME, DO COME TO OUR PARTY:
PRESIDENTS WASHINGTON, LINCOLN & PARKER

# SHOW CONSIDERATION FOR THE COOK--

## BRUNSWICK STEW SALE FRIDAY AND SATURDAY,

THE ELON COLLEGE EXCHANGE CLUB WILL OFFER ITS POPULAR BRUNSWICK STEW FOR SALE ON FRIDAY, I FEBRUARY 22, STARTING AT 12 NOON TO DUSK, AT ITS TENT LOCATED CPPOSITE THE FIRE STATION AND AT THE EXCHANGE CLUB ON ROUTE 100.

& 23. 1991.

THE SALE WILL CONTINUE ON SATURDAY, FEB.23, FROM 8:30 A.M. TO SELL-OUT.

THE STEW SELLS FOR \$3.50 PER QUART AND MAY BE FROZEN FOR FUTURE USE.

BECAUSE OF ITS WELL-KNOWN QUALITY, THE SUPPLY IS FREQUENTLY SOLD OUT ON FRIDAY, SO AN EARLY PURCHASE IS RECOMMENDED.

PROCEEDS FROM THE SALE HELP SUPPORT VARIOUS COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES SUCH AS THE BOY SCOUTS; PROVIDE SCHOLARSHIPS AND ASSIST IN CHARITABLE CAUSES. A MAJOR PORTION OF THE FEB. SALE PROCEEDS WILL GO TO THE "HOSPICE" VOLUNTEER GROUP OF ALAMANCE COUNTY.

WE EXTEND A CORDIAL WELCOME to all who worship with us today. We invite you to return, and to make this your home church, if you do not have one. When the friendship forms are passed, we ask all to sign, and visitors to please write their addresses. Pass the pad back after all have signed. Greet your neighbors after worship.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of god in loving memory of Mrs. Reggie McLelland by Venita and George Edwards.

1990 FOURTH QUARTER FINANCIAL STATEMENTS are available in the upstairs Sunday School hallway.

DISCOVER FELLOWSHIP will meet for dinner at 5:30 p.m. each Sunday from now until Spring Break in the large lounge in Long Student Center. All college students are invited to join us.

Nursery today: Andrea Albertson Nursery next Sunday: Janet Mayse

Child Care During Worship:

Today: Cile Welborn and Jamie Brown

Next Sunday: Marie or Jeff Wilkins and Daniel Doyle

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun.,	Feb.	17	-	11:00 a.m. 4:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m.	Church School Worship Service CHURCH COUNCIL Discover Fellowship Handbell Choir
Tues.,	Feb.	19	-	10:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Fun Club Cub Scouts
Wed.,	Feb.	20	-	4:30 p.m.	Mother's Morning Out Wonderful Wednesdays Adult Choir Rehearsal
Thurs.,	Feb.	21	_	7:00 p.m.	Board of Trustees

## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

FEBRUARY 17, 1991

Mark 1:15

What dramatic changes of mood from Advent to Christmas to Epiphany to Lent! Covenant, Spirit, Baptism, Temptation, Ministry, Death, Repentance, Gospel. Some folks would prefer to stay with one or another of the seasons of the church. But as the seasons of the world and life move on inexorably, so too the seasons of the church year. Yet each is a season of particular growth. A new Lent is here; the message remains the same: "Repent, and believe in the Gospel."

Rev. C. Walter Long Church of the Manger Bethlehem PA

#### **HUMAN REFUSE**

In Cairo, Egypt, and many other cities in our world, thousands of people live in the municipal garbage dumps. These are not public employees; these are the poorest of the poor. These men, women, and children seek out a livelihood as scavengers, sorting through the filthy refuse of the city for something to sell. One family concentrates on plastic wrappers. Another collects glass bottles.

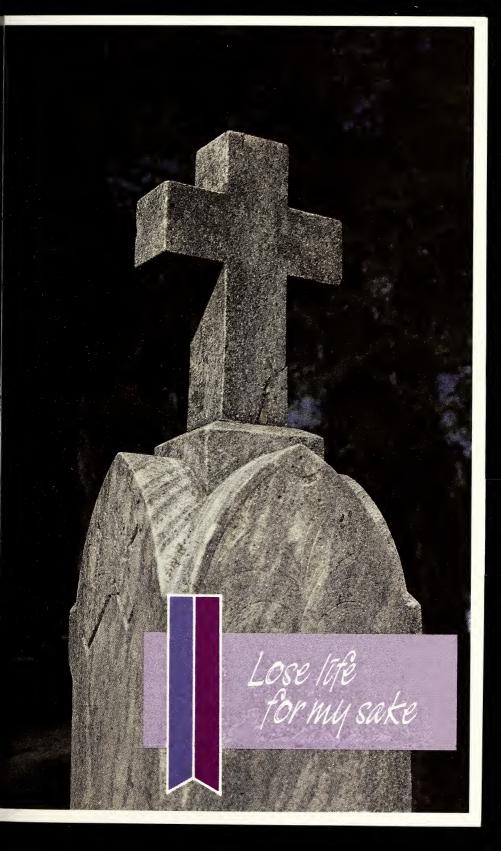
It's difficult to avoid comparisons between their ordeal and Dante's version of Hell. Think of people sorting through mountains of garbage! It's easy somehow even to blame them for their situation.

But our partner, the Coptic Orthodox Church in Egypt, refuses to condemn the garbage people of Cairo, the *zebaleen*, for their predicament. Nor do they limit their ministry to those who somehow work their way out of the dumps.

With the help of our gifts to Our Church's Wider Mission, the Coptic Orthodox Church works with the garbage dump people where they are. Our partner helps organize child nutrition programs and courses in basic health care. Through loans for equipment and tools to sort the garbage, the church also helps the families increase their incomes.

Assistance does not stop with amelioration of the living conditions in the dumps, however. The Coptic Orthodox Church also teaches new vocational skills, such as carpentry and electrical repair, as well as literacy, to help the *zebaleen* find alternative work.

Until recently, the *zebaleen* of Cairo had little hope. But today, because we are providing some of the help they need, families who once seemed condemned to scavenging have an opportunity for something better.



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Sara Hemphill and Lydia Troxler, Acolytes Today

February 24, 1990

11:00 A

## PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

"For Passiontide" Prelude Garth Edmun

Welcome, Passing of the Friendship Forms, and Announceme

Introit "Out of the Depths"

Extinguishing of the Lenten Candles Soloist: Chris Washburn

Responsive Call to Worship

- We meet this day in the name of Jesus the Christ, the Messiah of God!
- Who came not to conquer the world, but to serve i Ρ.
- Who came, not to be a success in the eyes of humani but to suffer on our behalf.
- God in Christ has likewise called us to a ministr Ρ. not of conquests but of crosses. May we be ready to lose our lives in order to save them.

Invocation and the Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

## PRAISE OF GOD

\*Hymn #87 "God Moves In A Mysterious Way"

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Divine Thinker, Messianic Sufferer, Loving Spirit: we confess that we long for glory but avoid suffering. To b recognized and praised pleases us, but we turn back from the cross of unpleasant truth-telling and the defense of unpopular causes. Forgive our unwillingness to follow Christ on his terms. Pardon our pride, and the sinful advice we give to others who are prepared to be humble like Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

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DISCOVER FELLOWSHIP will meet at 5:30 p.m. in the Seekers Classroom today for supper. All college students are invited.

Articles for the TORCH are due tomorrow morning.

Nursery today: Janet Mayse

Nursery next Sunday: Marie Wilkins

Child Care During Worship:

Today: Marie or Jeff Wilkins and Daniel Doyle Next Sunday: Louis Wilkins and Brian Harper

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun., Feb. 24 - 9:45 a.m. Church School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
12:00 noon Soup and Salad Luncheon sponsored by YETS
4:00 p.m. Women's Fellowship
Executive Committee
5:30 p.m. Discover Fellowship
7:00 p.m. Handbell Choir

Mon., Feb. 25 - 10:30 a.m. Prayer Group

Tues., Feb. 26 - 7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts

Wed., Feb. 27 - 9:00 a.m. Mother's Morning Out
4:30 p.m. Wonderful Wednesdays
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

Thurs., Feb. 28 - 7:30 p.m. Board of Missions



Silent Prayers

Assurance of Pardon

\*Gloria Patri (#513)

\*Passing of the Peace

## WITNESS OF FAITH

Anthems by the Children's Choir

"Zacchaeus"

"Thy Word Have I Hid"

"Little Lamb"

Traditional Traditional

Ruth Artman

Anthem by the Senior Choir

"God So Loved the World"

John Stainer

## RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Offering

"O Sacred Head Now Wounded" J. S. Bach Offertory

\*Doxology (#515) and Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn #177 "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

(Children second grade and younger have the option of leaving for child care downstairs during the last stanza)

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer

Scripture Reading:

Mark 8:31-38

Sermon

"The Ultimate Turnover"

## PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

\*Hymn #356

"Make Me a Captive, Lord"

\*Benediction

\*Choral Response "God Be With You" David Lantz III

\*Postlude "He Who Will Suffer God to Guide Him" J. S. Bach

\*The congregation may stand at these points.

## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

FEBRUARY 24, 1991

Mark 8:35

It was almost as if he knew they wouldn't understand, so "he said this plainly": that he should suffer, be rejected and killed. And yet he did rise as he said, for God's promises are always sure. Perhaps more difficult are the words that call us to deny self, take up the cross and follow. No promises here of rose gardens or eternal sunsets, but a promise that in the losing there is saving. And there is covenant here that says God will call you by name as child and heir.

Rev. C. Walter Long Church of the Manger Bethlehem, PA

#### NATIONAL UCC LEGISLATIVE NETWORK

Some United Church of Christ members believe the church should stay out of politics. But others disagree. Not on theoretical grounds, either, but from experience. Christians seldom begin with a political action agenda. But in a world of injustice and war, poverty and exploitation, they discover that loving service with our brothers and sisters in Christ often leads to organizing to exert power—to politics, in other words.

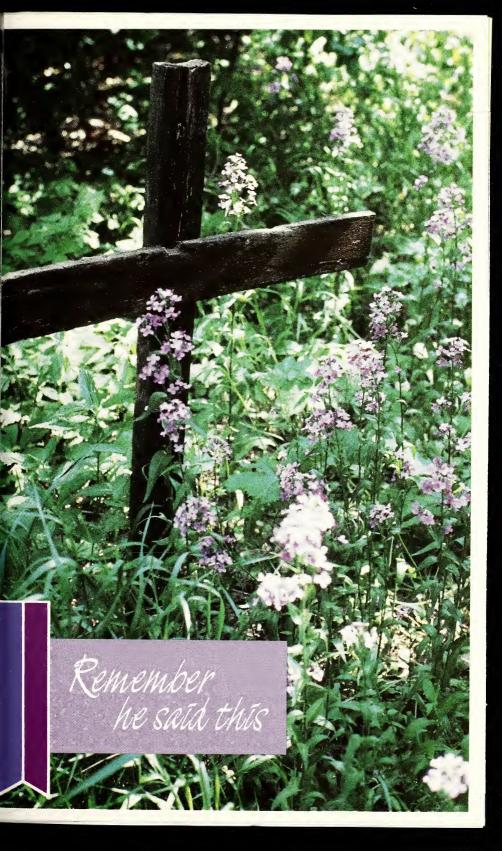
That is how the national United Church of Christ legislative network got started. Active in every conference, this network of members today stands ready to respond to the public issues before the Congress in which the church has a stake.

Does it make any difference?

Take the story of the uncommitted Midwesten Representative who held the pivotal vote on a vital welfare bill before a Congressional subcommittee. This politician alone would decide whether or not the legislation could ever come up for a vote on the floor of the House of Representatives.

A legislative alert went out. The national UCC legislative network swung into action. Telephone calls and telegrams from UCC members in his district poured into the Representative's office. When the vote on the welfare legislation came up before the subcommittee, the Representative's affirmative vote carried the bill from subcommittee to committee, and from there it went to the House floor and then on to the Senate and finally to the President for signature into law.

The national UCC legislative network makes a difference. And we support it with our gifts to Our Church's Wider Mission.



## ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH United Church of Christ Elon College, North Carolina

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Drs. William J. Andes and Alfred W. Hurst, Pastors Em Mrs. Betty Walker, Organist and Choir Director Chris Causey and Meg Wilkins, Acolytes Today

March 3, 1991

11:00

## PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude "I Had Great Heaviness of Heart" J. S.

Welcome, Passing of the Friendship Forms, and Announcer Introit "O Jesus, We Adore Thee" Hassler/J. S.

Extinguishing of the Lenten Candles
Soloist: Alyssa Lovell

Responsive Call to Worship (from Psalm 19)

L. Gather to ponder the wisdom and law of God. Draw near to share in God's strength and power.

P. The law of God is perfect, reviving the soul; God's testimony is sure, making wise the simple.

L. The precepts of God are right, rejoicing the heart God's commandments are pure, enlightening the eyes

P. The fear of God is clean, enduring forever; God' ordinances are true and righteous altogether.

All: Let the words of our mouths and the meditations our hearts be acceptable in your sight, O God, o Rock and our Redeemer.

The Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

## PRAISE OF GOD

\*Hymn #22 "We Praise Thee, O God"

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Most merciful God, we confess that we are in bondage sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against y in thought, word, and deed by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with ou whold heart. We have not loved our neighbors as oursely WE EXTEND A CORDIAL WELCOME to all who worship with us today. We invite you to return, and to make this your home church, if you do not have one. When the friendship forms are passed, we ask all to sign, and visitors to please write their addresses. Pass the pad back after all have signed. Greet your neighbors after worship.

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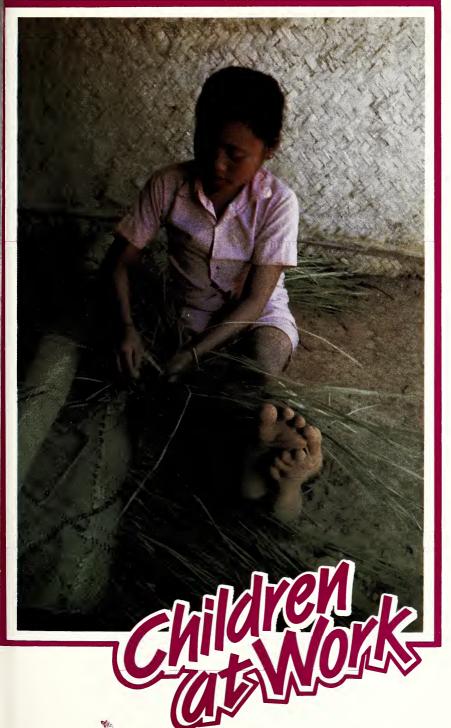
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Thurs., Mar. 7 - 7:00 p.m. Second Century Committee





A child sits alone in the dark alley of a busy city. Her fingers move deftly as she weaves the reed into a mat she hopes she can sell quickly.

Her survival and her family's survival are at stake. She is eight years old and her work provides their only income!

In Latin America alone, 40 million boys and girls make the streets their home. Peddling, stealing, dealing drugs, often prostituting themselves or being prostituted — every day is a challenge to survive.

In the garbage dumps of the world's largest overcrowded cities, such children scrounge through stinking refuse to sort out anything they can eat, wear, or sell.

These children are the victims of adult actions gone mad, economics spiraling wildly out of control. They are orphans of undeclared wars, mouths that can no longer be fed. They are exploited, enslaved, sold, sometimes even ruthlessly exterminated as nuisances.

## And their suffering has gone largely unnoticed.

Working with partner agencies around the world, Church World Service and its member communions are taking initiatives to address the needs of these children as quickly as resources allow. Pilot programs that stress housing, food, health care, income-generating skills training — even physical protection — are priorities.

There are no easy answers. Solving this tragic problem will demand the best efforts individuals, institutions, and governments can muster.

Your One Great Hour of Sharing gifts are urgently needed for this work and other critical efforts.

Jesus said that the Kingdom of God belongs to little children. Surely our love, nurture, and protection is their birthright.

Please share generously.

One Great Hour of Sharing



For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and follow in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Silence

Words of Assurance

\*Gloria Patri (#513)

\*Passing of the Peace

#### WITNESS OF FAITH

A Time With Children

"My Jesus, I Love Thee" arr. Paul Sjolund Anthem

## RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Offering

Offertory 'Were You There' arr. Jeanne S. Shaffer

\*Doxology (#515) and Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn #157 "In the Cross of Christ I Glory" (Children second grade and younger have the option of leaving for child care downstairs during the last stanza)

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer and Choral Response

Scripture Reading: Exodus 20:1-17

John 2:13-22

Sermon

Rev. Lyon

## PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

\*Hymn #391

"Be Thou My Vision"

\*Benediction

\*Choral Response "God Bless You and Keep You" Jay Althouse

\*Postlude "O Lord, Whose Mercies" George F. Handel

\*The congregation may stand at these points.

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## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 3, 1991

John 2:22

Memory—remembering—is critical as we come to terms with our history and envision our future. Adults are finally free to be healed of childhood trauma by remembering incidents of abuse. Our Jewish sisters and brothers remind us never to forget the Holocaust lest it ever be repeated. Passover was a time to remember God's saving acts in history. Jesus paved the way for a religious renewal by recalling the essence of a religion that had lost its vision. Jesus' memory empowered his actions. The disciples' memory enabled them to make sense out of Jesus' words and ministry. And our memory will undoubtedly affect our future.

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#### **AMISTAD**

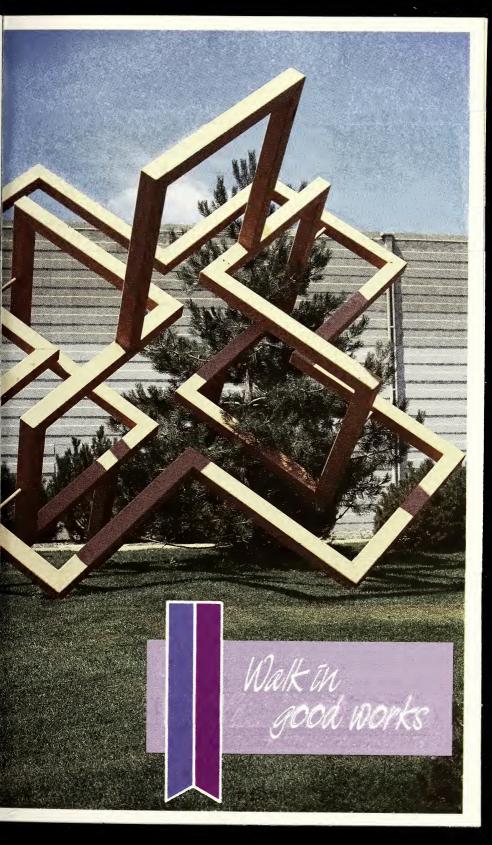
Next Saturday, March 9, marks the 150th anniversary of the decision of the United States Supreme Court in the *Amistad* case. At stake was freedom for 35 African Mendis who had wrested control of the Spanish slave ship with that ironic name, "Friendship." As John Quincy Adams, who defended the Africans, said, the case should never have come to trial. The U.S. Coast Guard should never have seized the vessel. The U.S. Marshall should never have imprisoned the Africans. The U.S. President should never have tried to return both to the Spanish slave traders.

But they did. And that challenged the conscience of our New England UCC forebears. What should they do about those Africans in the New Haven jail? They formed the Amistad Committee, which brought suit for the Mendis' freedom. And the case went all the way to the Supreme Court!

One hundred and fifty years ago, the Justices ordered the Africans freed. With funds provided by the Amistad Committee, the Mendis were provided passage aboard a ship bound for their African home. From Sierra Leone they sent back the grateful message, "if never see you in this world, we will meet in heaven."

But that was not the end. Those Congregationalists could no longer rest until slavery was abolished everywhere in the United States. Within five years, the Amistad Committee had helped found the American Missionary Association, the first ecumenical anti-slavery society on American soil.

Emancipation, thirty years later, was not the end, either. The American Missionary Association, now a unit of the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries, reminds us that our justice agenda, which began with *Amistad*, remains unfinished today.



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March 10, 1991

11:00 A

## PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" arr. Norris Steph "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" arr. Ken Holl Handbell Choir

Welcome, Passing of the Friendship Forms, and Announcement Introit "Let Us Praise God Together"

Extinguishing of the Lenten Candles
Soloist: Mona Covington

Responsive Call to Worship

- L. How can we sing the Lord's song? We live in a land whose culture puts ease before ethics.
- P. Jesus lived in such a land, yet he sang the Lord's song.
- L. How can we sing the Lord's song? We live in a land whose business puts success before service.
- P. Jesus lived in such a land, yet he sang the Lord's song.
- L. How can we sing the Lord's song? We live in a land whose politics puts power before principle.
- P. Jesus lived in such a land, yet he sang the Lord's song.
- L. How can we sing the Lord's song? We live in a land whose religion puts conformity before conscience.
- P. Jesus lived in such a land, yet he sang the Lord's song.
- L. How can we sing the Lord's song? The faithful life is a lonely life.
- P. Jesus has promised that, as the Lord was in him, so shall the Lord be in us. In the strength of that promise we shall worship today.

Invocation and The Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

#### PRAISE OF GOD

\*Hymn #15 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

We come to you, O God, an unfaithful people. We have sinned against you and done much that is evil in your signt. The shadows of sin dominate us, and our secret faults separate us from the light and knowledge of your presence. Have mercy on us, blot out our transgressions, forgive our iniquity, and remember our sin no more. Purge us and we will be clean, wash us and we will be purer than newfallen snow. Grant us, O God, a new and right Spirit. Amen.

Silent Prayers and Words of Assurance

\*Gloria Patri (#513)

Passing of the Peace

## WITNESS OF FAITH

A Time With Children

Anthem "Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley" Spiritual Harmonized by John Ferguson

## RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Offering

Offertory "Were You There?" arr. Don Allured Handbell Choir

Doxology (#515) and Prayer of Dedication

Hymn #411 "Lord God of Hosts"

(Children second grade and younger have the option of leaving for child care downstairs during the last stanza)

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer and Choral Response

Scripture Reading:

II Chronicles 36:14-23 Ephesians 2:4-10 John 3:14-21 Psalm 137:1-6



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2:30 p.m. Staff Meeting
5:30 p.m. Discover Fellowship
7:00 p.m. Handbell Choir

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Mon., Mar. 11 - 10:30 a.m. Prayer Group 6:30 p.m. Brownie Scouts

Tues., Mar. 12 - 7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts

Wed., Mar. 13 - 9:00 a.m. Mother's Morning Out
4:30 p.m. Wonderful Wednesdays
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

Thurs., Mar. 14 - 7:00 p.m. Board of Deacons

Sat., Mar. 16 - 10 - 2 YETS Car Wash

## **FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

MARCH 10, 1991 Ephesians 2:10

What a wonderful realization that God's intention for all of us is one of good works. In an era in which so many can lack fulfillment and meaning in life, the church reminds us that God has a job for us. Each and every one of us has some form of ministry, whether it be raising loving and justice-oriented children, teaching school, collecting garbage, tutoring in the inner city, being a health care worker. Whatever our vocation, we are each called to be God's feet, hands, and even voice. Lent is a time for us to discern the unique way God is calling us to be part of the fulfillment of the Good News.

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#### FILL THE WORLD WITH LOVE

"If I give away all my possessions...but do not have love, I gain nothing." (1 Corinthians 13:31)

What does this year's theme, "Fill the World with Love," have to do with One Great Hour of Sharing?

OGHS is an offering intended to support disaster relief, economic development, social service, and refugee resettlement programs overseas and at home. What difference does love make?

As the scriptural passage above indicates, love makes a difference in the giver. When we give out of love, we acknowledge our own gratitude for the gifts we have to give. We give gladly, not grudgingly. We give because we can, not because we must.

Love makes a difference to the recipient, too. Gifts of love come with no strings attached. Our gifts support the initiatives of the people closest to the need: our own partners in the local social agencies and church organizations. Because of our love, we do not try to dictate solutions from home. We leave the decisions to the people whose lives are at stake.

But that does not mean that we are indifferent to outcomes from our gifts. As the Apostle Paul said, "love hopes all things." Our gifts of love come with hope. We believe that people can improve their lives. That is why a major part of our gifts support more than relief. They sustain programs that hold out hope of a better tomorrow: agricultural development, primary health care, nutrition education, literacy, and vocational training, to name only a few.

One Great Hour of Sharing not only seeks to fill the world with water that is safe to drink and food supplies that are balanced and plentiful.

One Great Hour of Sharing is committed to "Fill the World with Love."



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March 17, 1991

11:00 /

## PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

"Spiritual"

Richard Pu

Welcome, Passing of the Friendship Forms, and Announcement

Introit "Out of the Depths"

Extinguishing of the Lenten Candles Soloist: Jane McLelland

Responsive Call to Worship

L. O God, open thou my lips.

- And my mouth shall show forth your praise.
- L. Create in me a clean heart, O God. and put a new and right spirit within me.
- Ρ. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.

Invocation and The Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

## PRAISE OF GOD

\*Hymn #325

"Lord Christ, When First Thou Cam'st"

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

O God of forgiveness, we pray for new life as we conf our old ways. We hear of your promise among our own ser of self-doubt. Hope is proclaimed, yet we seek guarantee Christ calls us to obedience, but we set conditions. Wh called on to follow, we ask to what end. We applaud commitment, but we treasure our comfort. Forgive our reluctance to walk in newness of life. Amen.

Silent Prayers and Words of Assurance

\*Gloria Patri (#513)

God is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

#### ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Order of worship for the Memorial Service for

#### DR. WILLIAM WILSON SLOAN

October 30, 1901 - March 3, 1991

MARCH 14, 1991

PRELUDE

Mrs. Betty Walker, organ:

GREETING

The Rev. Dr. John M. Irvine,

- L. Gracious is our God and righteous, our God is full of compassion.
- P. I will walk in the presence of God in the land of the living.
- L. I will fulfill my vows to God in the presence of all God's people.
- P. Precious in the sight of God is the death of those who die in faithfulness.
- L. Blessed are the dead who die in Christ.
- P. "Blessed indeed," says the Spirit,
  "that they may rest from their labors,
  for their deeds follow them!"

A READING from Christ the Tiger by Thomas Howard

HYMN 363 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" (Congregation standing)

#### UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, you see us as we are, and know our inmost thoughts. We confess that we are unworthy of your gracious care. We forget that all life comes from you and that to you all life returns. We have not always sought or done your will.

We have not lived as your grateful children, nor love as Christ loved us. As we look back we realize with pain that not every memory of ours is as we would like it to be Apart from you, we are nothing. Only your grace can sustain us. Only your power can somehow set right whatever was amiss between us and our dear one.

Lord, in your mercy, forgive us, heal us, and make us whole. Set us free from our sin, and restore to us the joy of your salvation. Amen.

#### SILENT PRAYERS AND WORDS OF ASSURANCE

SCRIPTURES Psalm 34 Responsive Reading #74, p. 520
Psalm 145:10-21
Isaiah 61:1-4 Unison Reading 121, p. 543

REMEMBRANCE

Dr. J. Earl Danieley

HYMN 414 "In Christ There Is No East Or West" (congregation standing)

SCRIPTURES II Corinthians 4:7-11, 16-5:1 Matthew 5:3-12

REMEMBRANCES

The Rev. John Ling The Rev. Douglas Albert

SOLO "Crossing the Bar" words by Alfred Lord Tennyson music by Joseph Barnby
Ray Covington

#### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The United Church of Christ Statement of Faith in the Form of a Doxology

We believe in you, O God, Eternal Spirit, God of our Savior Jesus Christ and our God, and to your deeds we testify:

You call the worlds into being, create persons in your own image, and set before each one the ways of life and death.

You seek in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin.

You judge people and nations by your righteous will declared through prophets and apostles.

In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified an risen Savior,

you have come to us and shared our common lot, conquering sin and death and reconciling the world to yourself.

You bestow upon us your Holy Spirit, creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ, binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues, and races.

You call us into your church
to accept the cost and joy of discipleship,
to be your servants in the service of others,
to proclaim the gospel to all the world
and resist the powers of evil,
to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table,
to join him in his passion and victory.

You promise to all who trust you forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace, courage in the struggle for justice and peace, your presence in trail and rejoicing, and eternal life in your realm which has no end.

Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto you. Amen.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

#### UNISON PRAYER

O God, whose days are without end, and whose mercie cannot be counted, awaken us to the shortness and uncertainty of human life. By your Holy Spirit, lead us in faithfulness all our days. When we have served you i our generation, may we be gathered with those who have

gone before, having the testimony of a good conscience, in the communion of your holy church, in the confidence of a certain faith, in the comfort of a saving hope, in favor with you, our God, and at perfect peace with the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us when we pray to say...

THE LORD'S PRAYER (in unison, using "trespasses")

HYMN 306 '

"For All the Saints" (congregation standing)

#### COMMENDATION

#### RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION

- L. May God bless you and keep you.
  - Amen.
- L. May God's face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
- P. Amen.

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- May God look upon you with kindness and give you peace.
- P. Amen.
  - Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
  - Thanks be to God.

#### POSTLUDE

\*Passing of the Peace

#### WITNESS OF FAITH

A Time With Children

Anthem

"Take Up Thy Cross"

B. B. McKinney

#### RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Offering

Offertory "Savior, Thy Dying Love" Van Denman Thompson

\*Doxology (#515) and Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn #331 "Savior, Thy Dying Love" (Children second grade and younger have the option of leaving for child care downstairs during the last stanza)

#### PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer and Choral Response

Scripture Reading:

Psalm 51

Sermon

"When Worship Bottoms Out"

#### PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

\*Hymn

"O For a Heart To Praise My God" Charles Wesley (the tune, Beatitudo, is that of hymn #350,
"O For a Closer Walk With God")

O for a heart to praise my God, A heart from sin set free, A heart that always feels thy blood So freely shed for me!

An humble, lowly, contrite heart, Believing, true, and clean, Which neither death nor life can part From Him that dwells within.

A heart in every thought renewed, And filled with love divine, Perfect, and right, and pure, and good, A copy, Lord, of thine.

Thy nature, gracious Lord, impart; Come quickly from above; Write Thy new Name upon my heart, Thy new, best name of Love. \*Benediction

\*Choral Response "Benediction"

Gene Gri

\*Postlude "Lead On, O King Eternal" Van Denman Thomps

\*The congregation may stand at these points.

FUN CLUB MEETING

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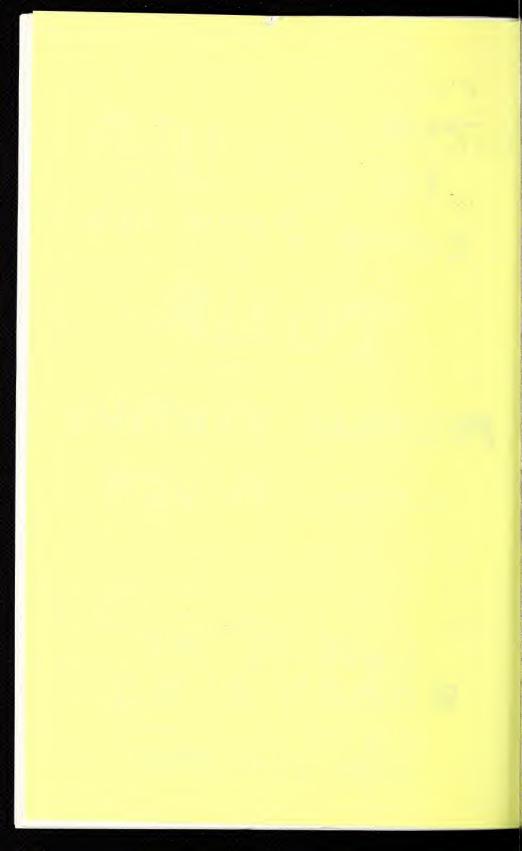
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Sun.,	Mar.	17	3:30 p.m. 4:30 p.m.	Church School Worship Service Middle High Church Council Discover Fellowship Handbell Choir
Mon.,	Mar.	18	- 6:30 p.m.	Brownie Scouts
Tues.,	Mar.	19	- 10:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Fun Club Cub Scouts
Wed.,	Mar.	20		Mother's Morning Out Wonderful Wednesdays Adult Choir Rehearsal
Thurs.,	Mar.	21	- 7:00 p.m.	Board of Trustees
Fri.,	Mar.	22	- 7:00 p.m.	New Adult Church School Class Pizza Party
Sat.,	Mar.	23	- 10 - 2	Silent Retreat

#### FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 17, 1991 John 12:21

The people traveled far to see Jesus; from east and west, north and south. But don't we all want to see Jesus? Or do we? Clearly we want to experience the loving, nurturing, life-giving Jesus, to sit at his table, to be filled with food and drink. Yet Jesus reminds us that we will never feel totally fulfilled if we do only this. If we are concerned only for ourselves, our lives will lose their vibrancy. Jesus doesn't just invite us to dinner, but to active ministry. Jesus reminds us that to see him means serving him, and serving means following him. "Where I am there shall my servant be also!" Is this the Jesus we want to see?

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#### A PARTNER IN MISSION

It was the young man's first mission conference, and the speaker that evening was a Baptist pastor from Nicaragua. In compelling words, the speaker described the anguish of his country, the suffering of his people, and the hope that had been born in living the gospel.

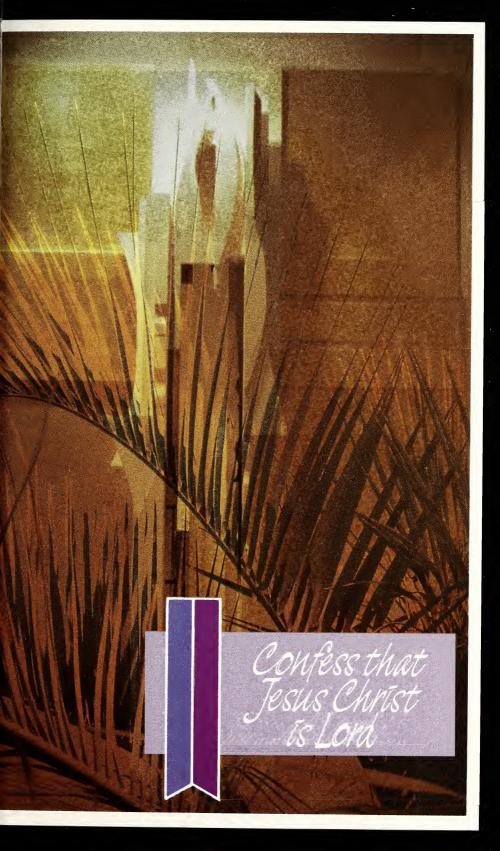
"This was not 'mission' as I had learned it growing up at potlucks in the church basement," the man recalls. "No, this was mission as the people of God being bold enough and fearless enough to look honestly at the world and its injustice and pain, and being faithful enough not to despair, but to proclaim again a message of healing and reconciliation, of a cross and resurrection."

"That night my understanding of mission was changed; I was changed."

The Central American speaker whose message wrought that change is our partner, the Rev. Dr. Gustavo Parajon. A physician, Dr. Parajon is director of PROVADENIC, a primary health-care program of the Baptist Convention of Nicaragua. He is also the founder and president of CEPAD, the Council of Evangelical Churches of Nicaragua, an ecumenical relief and developmental agency that we support with our gifts to Our Church's Wider Mission.

What does partnership with Christians like Gustavo Parajon mean? Listen to this missionary: "A few years ago, when we were working in an isolated rural area of Nicaragua, I became quite sick. Hearing about this, Gustavo Parajon made the difficult, four-hour trip in the midst of his busy schedule to find me and pray with me for healing."

Partnership: not teaching others to be more like us, but receiving their unique gifts even as we give what we have to share.



#### ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH United Church of Christ Elon College, North Carolina

Dr. John M. Irvine, Jr., Pastor Office Phone: 584-Rev. Beth Gassert Lyon, Associate Pastor

Drs. William J. Andes and Alfred W. Hurst, Pastors Emer Mrs. Betty Walker, Organist and Choir Director Amy Rose and Heidi Troxler, Acolytes Today

#### March 24, 1991

#### PALM SUNDAY

11:00 A

Prelude

"The Palms" Gabriel F

Welcome, Passing of the Friendship Forms, and Announcement Introduction to the Second Century Campaign Wally Sm

Introit "Hosanna"

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Responsive Call to Worship

L. Lift up your heads and behold Emmanuel, "God with us

P. Behold our God who comes riding on a donkey, the ruler who dares to be last rather than first!

Invocation

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

God of all times and places, we confess that we would rather join the crowds than stand alone. We prefer the popular point of view to a solitary witness to justice at truth. We like safety and security while shrinking from the risk of involvement. We'll sing "hosanna" when everyone else is doing so—but not when the hostile "Good Friday" forces may hear us. We do not like to admit our lukewarm response to you, but neither do we want to be considered fanatics.

We believe Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. We know that includes us, not just other folk involved in obvious evils. We ask you to be patient with us, to help us understand our own guilt. Then pour out your forgiveness in such a way that we are forever transformed. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Silent Prayers and Words of Assurance

\*Gloria Patri (#513)

\*Passing of the Peace

### CROS THE O F WAY THE FOR WORSHIP

# . THE ENTRY INTO JERUSALEM

congregation the church.) Refore the organ dies of the before the Narrator begins reading from the back are visible Drum; then organ. reader's stands empty. (Four but

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garments descent whole multitude of the disciloud voic saying: at the spread their with secn, near, praise God they had As he was now drawing along, they works that and to of Olives, the rode ples began to rejoice as he And the road. NARRATOR:

then thre reading the Children and alsle (The Choir and congregation join in singing the first stanzas of the hymn "All Glory, Laud, and Honor," as to children, choir, and presenters process down the aisle to the back, choir enters presenters take their places behind the and fronds. a Pharisee. stanzas toward the front, children waving palm go to their seats with their families; the outside In the break between hymn figure takes the part of continue processing around transept; stands. Pilate f

TO WHOM THE LIPS OF CHILDREN MADE SWEET HOSANNAS RIN THOU ART THE KING OF ISRAEL, THOU DAVID'S ROYAL SON, WHO IN THE LORD'S NAME COMETH, THE KING AND BLESSED ALL GLORY, LAUD, TO WHOM THE LIPS AND HONOR, TO THEE, OF CHILDREN MADE SW REDEEMER, KING ONE.

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TO WHOM THE LIPS MULTITUDE OF PILGRIMS WITH PALMS BEFORE YOU WENT; PRAISE GLORY, LAUD AND PRAYER AND ANTHEMS • AND HONOR, TO THEE, REDEEMER, KING, OF CHILDREN MADE SWEET HOSANNAS RING BEFORE THEE W.E PRESENT.

٦ HARISEE multitude cried to him, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples! hey're calling (over organ): you the Christ. And some of the Tell them Phar ۴. to shut . 33 e æ S in "jqu the

NARRATOR (over were silent, organ): the very stones themselves would cry He answered , "I tell you ٠ ř f out. thes = æ

PEOPLE AND CHOIR (Singing with the stanzas 4 and 5 of the same hymn:) swe 11 0 m 4 he org a

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THOU DIDST ACCEPT THEIR PRAISES; ACCEPT TO WHOM THE LIPS ALL GLORY, LAUD, IN ALL AND HONOR, TO THEE, REDEEMER, KING OF CHILDREN MADE SWEET HOSANNAS RING. BRING, THE PRAYERS KING

OHM GOOD DELIGHTEST, THOU GOOD AND GRACIOUS

NARRATOR: will not CO surround you, and hem you in on over it, hings that make for peace! But now they are hid from our eyes. O Jerusalem! The days shall come upon you, the ground, you and your children within you, and they not your enemies know saying, leave And when he drew the time of one "Would that even today you knew the for peace! But now they are hid fr will cast up a bank about you stone upon another your near and saw visitation. every side, in the city you, and dash because he wept and you you

Hosanna we sing to Christ our Kin rode He; Upon a brown donkey, a lowly beast, Christ rod proudly but humbly not CHILDREN'S CHOIR ANTHEM: Christ Jesus entered Jerusalem; we sing to our Lord! in humility. (Refrain) Hosanna

Ride on now, O King, without scepter or crown, Ride into the hearts of mankind! Rule Thou our lives with love an O King divine! peace; Ride on now, (Refrain)

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P RRATOR: Now, the Feast of Unleavened Bread drew nearwhich is called the Passover. And the Temple Priestivere seeking how to put Jesus to death; for they fear the people. NA

P DAS: Then Satan entered into Judas called Iscariot, who was of the number of the twelve; he went away and conferred with the temple priests and officers how he might betray him to them. And they were glad, and engage to give him money. So he agreed, and sought an opportunity to betray him to them in the absence of the multitude to betray him to them JUDAS:

which NARRATOR: Then came the Day of Unleavened Bread, on whice the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. So Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and prepare the Passover fous, that we may eat lt."

YOU ILL 3 WHERE HIM, 'BUT WHERE, LORD? AND WHAT ARE WE TO DO?" PEOPLE: THEY SAID TO HAVE US PREPARE IT,

ARRATOR: He said to them, "Behold, when you have entered the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him into the house which he enters, and tell the householder, "The Teacher says to you, Where is the guestroom, where I am to eat the Passover with my disciples?' And he will show you a large upper room furnished; there make ready." And they went and found it as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover.

s n "Let (The organist begins quietly playing Together on our Knees.")

NARRATOR: For I tell you, I shall not eat desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. apostles with him. And he said to them, "I have earnestly drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God yourselves; for I tell you that had given thanks he said, "Take in the kingdom of God." And he And when the hour came, he sat at table, and the took the it until this and divide it from now on I shall cup, and when he it is fulfilled among not

he table. ermined; behold the hand of him who betrays me AND THEY BEGAN TO QUESTION, "WHO, LORD? For the to that man Son of Man goes as it has by whom he is betrayed!" is with me on been OHW  $_{\rm IS}$ TO

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And likewise the cup after supper, saying, "This cup whic

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" And he took bread and when he had given thanks it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body" is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

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NARRATOR: BETRAY YOU? IS IT I? IS IT dish with me will betray me. etter for that man if he had Judas, who betrayed him, He answered, "He who not Oh, has said been born." it would have been dipped his hand in s I " ř I, Maste

NARRATOR: for a moment while the Judas figure withdraw ۲, esus said d 0 him, "You have said so."

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NARRATOR: before Peter the cock "Peter, said to crows, truly I say to ou!" you will "Eve ä i f you, deny mus me three this very night \_ die with times." Ч 70u,

PEOPLE: AGAIN.  $\triangleright$ ND SO SAID ALL OF THE DISCIPLES ٠ OVER AND OVER

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TURN NOT FROM HIS GRIEFS AWAY; LEARN OF JESUS CHRIST TO PRAY.

you And "Pray that was his custom followed him. said to them, disciples went, as enter into temptation." and the to the place he came out Olives; and NARRATOR: And he Mount of саше when he may not the

ns BUT DELIVER NOT INTO TEMPTATION, PEOPLE: LEAD US DELIVER US. throw down and prayed, "Father, if thou art willing but from me; nevertheless, not my will, And he withdrew from them about a stone's emove this cup hine be done." and knelt thine be NARRATOR:

NAME DONE. THY BΕ BE ART IN HEAVEN, HALLOWED THY WILL THY WILL BE DONE. WHO WILL BE DONE --OUR FATHER THY KINGDOM COME; THY WILL BE DONE-PEOPLE:

said that you ma the sorrow, and he prayer, he came to pray disciples and found them sleeping for Rise and from to them, "Why do you sleep? not enter into temptation." rose And when he NARRATOR:

LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION, BUT DELIVER US FROM EVEN THE EVIL WITHIN OURSELVES. PEOPLE: EVIL,

he was stil. near He drew his stand): While he пап the crowd, and the leading them. came a c τo JUDAS (Coming forward speaking, there came one of the twelve, v Jesus to kiss him,

betra you "Judas, would h Im, But Jesus said to of Man with a kiss? the Son NARRATOR:

JUDAS: Judas said, "Hail, Master.

P EOPLE: SAID, "LORD, SHALL WHEN THE DISCIPLES Ε STRIKE WITH THE SAW WHAT WOULD FOLLOW, SWORD?" THEY

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NARRATOR: touched his ear and healed him. But Jes s n said = N O mor e o f this!" And he

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NARRATOR: "When o f not lay darkness." \_ hands was Jesus with on said Then me. you day after they t o But this those seized who day in s S him-had your come the hour, temple, out and against the you power did him,

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Ъ ETER: kindled a fire together, Peter Peter followed at in the middle of sat among a distance; them. the courtyard and when they and sat had down

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ũ a do not know what you "Man, I said, But Peter sayingi" PETER:

at Peter while he was still speaking, the Lord turned and looked And immediately, crowed. And cock NARRATOR:

bitterly to him, "Before the cock crows today, you will the Lord, how h And he went out and wept And Peter remembered the word of deny me three times." had said

(Peter walks out in silence.)

and him mocked demanded: NARRATOR: Now the men who were holding Jesus beat him; they blindfolded him and demanded:

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the o f him And they spoke many other words against assembly led and reviling him....When the day came, the gathered together people council; elders of the NARATOR: their

usi u TELL CHRIST, THE ARE YOU SAID, "IF AND THEY PEOPLE

But he said to them, "If I tell you, you will not answe shall be seated you will I ask you now, "--bo5 man from now on the Son of o f hand of the power and if believe; NARRATOR: right not But

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"BLASPHEMY! WHAT FURTHER TESTIMONY OWN FROM HIS OURSELVES HEARD BLASPHEMY! AND THEY SAID, HAVE WE , 0 NEED? BLASPHEMY! PEOPLE:

# PILATE JESUS BEFORE DAWN FRIDAY:

brought and arose, them J O company bin before Dontine Pilate. Then the whole NARRATOR:

PEOPLE: TRIBUTE TO THIS MAN PERVERTING OUR NATION, AND THE KING!" AND THEY BEGAN TO CAESAR, AND SAYING THAT HE CURSE HIM, SAYING, FORBIDDING US HIMSELF  $^{\rm s}$ CHRIST OI

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PILATE: Jews?" And Pilate asked him, "Are you the King

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NARRATOR: And hе answered him, "You have said so."

ъ PILATE: EOPLE: tudes, And Pilate "I find no BUT THEY WERE TEACHING THROUGHOUT GALILEE crime in this man. said to the Chief Priests URGENT, SAYING, "HE EVEN T0STIRS UP THIS PLACE." and the multi-

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Herod's PILATE: NARRATOR: contempt jurisdiction, And when Pilate heard that and mocked, and arrayed Where he was hе vehemently sent him to Herod, in he accused, gorgeous was a and Galilean, purple, treated o f and with

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PILATE: o f and after examining him, brought me this deserving chastise him and release him--" any of Pilate the charges against said to man as one the behold, rulers who was him. Behold, nothing 0 perverting the the Behold, I will therefore people, nola people

NARRATOR: P EOPLE: MANI for insurrection AWAY! BUT THEY ALL Barabbas!--a man who AWAY! and CRIED OUT TOGETHER, RELEASE for murder--TO had S BARABBAS--" been thrown Y A W A " HIIM into SIHL prison

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# CRUCIFIXION FRIDAY MORNING:

stanza:) and softly, the congregation and choir join on the third once more, organist plays the hymn tune

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FEET,

COMPLETE SACRIFICE O W N COD'S

MARK THAT MIRACLE OF TIME, GOD'S "IT IS FINISHED!" HEAR HIM CRY.

LEARN FROM JESUS

Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and your children. For behold, the days are coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never gave suck!' For if

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NARRATOR: And Jesus said t o him-

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town of one looking for a man named Joseph from the a righteous man, a good man, was Now there Arimathea,

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i.n went to Pilate and asked for ALL WOMEN: THE WOMEN WHO HAD COME FROM GALILEE FOLLOWED THEN WAS LAID. a linen shroud, and was beginning. NARRATOR:

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WE EXTEND A CORDIAL WELCOME to all who worship with us today. We invite you to return, and to make this your home church, if you do not have one. When the friendship forms are passed, we ask all to sign, and visitors to please write their addresses. Pass the pad back after all have signed. Greet your neighbors after worship.

The palms in the narthex and for the congregation are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Rev. John Kittenger, Patricia Kittenger, and John Kittenger by Eleanore and Robert Kittenger.

Nursery today: Jackie Pendergrass Nursery next Sunday: Janet Mayse

Child Care During Worship:

Today: Lou Harper and Brian Rose

Next Sunday: Ann Acquilano and Rob Woody

#### WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun.,	Mar.	24	-	11:00 a.m	<ul><li>Church School</li><li>Worship Service</li><li>Handbell Choir</li></ul>
Mon.,	Mar.	25	-		<ul><li>Prayer Group</li><li>Brownie Scouts</li></ul>
Tues.,	Mar.	26	-	7:00 p.m	. Cub Scouts
Wed.,	Mar.	27	-	4:30 p.m	<ul><li>Mother's Morning Out</li><li>Wonderful Wednesdays</li><li>Adult Choir Rehearsal</li></ul>
Thurs.,	Mar.	28	-	•	. Maundy Thursday Communion Service
				v:UU p.m	<ul> <li>Board of Missions</li> </ul>



## A Proud History



# A Promising Future

Elon College Community Church

#### MILEPOSTS FROM OUR HISTORY

The Elon College Christian Church was founded on April 19, 1891, as church of the Southern Christian Convention. In 1931 that body merged to form Congregational Christian Church, and in 1957 that body merged to form Unit Church of Christ.

Church services were held in college buildings on the campus until 19: College personnel served for many years as part-time pastors. Those minister included William S. Long, James O. Atkinson, John U. Newman, Nathaniel G. Newman James W. Wellons, Warner S. Alexander, Alfred M. Hurst, and Leon E. Smith.

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A parsonage was constructed in 1923, the same year the church changed i name to Elon College Community Church to reflect its widening constituency. I Parish House was built in 1949. The present church sanctuary was constructed 1959. The present parsonage was built in 1961. The Christian Education addition to the sanctuary was completed in 1976.

The first full-time pastor, Dr. Jesse H. Dollar, was called in 194 Since that time, the full-time pastors have been Howard P. Bozarth, William Andes, Thomas R. Hamilton, and John M. Irvine, Jr. Interim pastors have been JoG. Truitt, Howard P. Bozarth, and Charles G. Chamberlain. Beth G. Lyon now servas Associate Pastor.

#### A SECOND CENTURY FUND CAMPAIGN

The Church Council has authorized a capital funds campaign in order meet the needs for the physical plant improvements, as well as program enhanceme and extension.

An overall goal of \$124,926 has been established in order to meet the needs. All members and friends of the church are being asked to make three-ye commitments to our campaign.

OVERALL CAMPAIGN GOAL: \$124,926

#### CAMPAIGN SCHEDULE - 1991

Advance gifts solicitation	March 10-20
Affirmation Sunday present pledges	March 31
Canvas for other pledges	April 1-10
Centennial Sunday CAMPAIGN VICTORY	April 14

#### CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE

Walstein Snyder -- Chairman Phyllis Young, Barry Raker, Martin Shotzberger, Ray Covington, and Earl Danieley

#### ARISH HOUSE IMPROVEMENTS

Our church's Parish House needs to be renovated and refurbished. e necessary work has been contracted and has already begun. Predicted provements and expenses are provided below:

#### EXTERIOR ADDITIONS

- \* Add to front of existing structure a vestibule (9' x 12') with a covered porch (12' x 6')
- \* Add to rear of existing structure a covered porch (18' x 18')

#### EXTERIOR RENOVATIONS

- \* Add vinyl siding with insulation, as well as vinyl covering of all window and door frames
- \* Paint all window sashes and doors
- \* Remove chimney in rear of building
- \* Realign rooflines and repair sagging rafters, reshingle roof, and install new gutters

#### INTERIOR RENOVATIONS

- \* Remove existing walls, double doors, attic floor, and stairway at front end
- \* Install sheetrock over existing materials on all walls above wainscoting
- \* Remove existing stairway and water closet at rear of building
- \* Widen hallway and finish with wainscoting and sheetrock
- \* Add stairway to attic storage
- \* Repaint entire area

#### KITCHEN RENOVATIONS

- \* Build a four-foot pantry and additional cabinets
- \* Install new counter tops with back splash
- \* Install triple sink and deep single sink
- \* Install new stove and microwave ovens

#### HURCH BUILDING IMPROVEMTENTS

#### SANCTUARY

- \* Repaint interior, including walls, ceiling, and pews
- \* Install new carpeting and pew cushions

#### EDUCATIONAL AREAS

- \* Repaint lower level of sanctuary building
- \* Install new carpet in office

STIMATED COSTS: \$104,176

#### EXTENDING OUR MINISTRY

As we celebrate a century of service in this community and beyond, and look forward to a second century of service, we want to provide funds for programs which will serve as a foundation for growth.

To meet these expectations, the Board of Missions, the Board of Deacons, and the Church Council have outlined programs and projects that will enrich our congregation's life, as well as help us to reach out beyond ourselves.

#### Church Council

The Church Council proposes to retain the services of a consultant who will assist us in long-range planning and shaping our organization to meet our goals, assist with our next pastoral transition, and help us in team building with our next pastor. The Council will purchase materials to use in this planning process to strengthen our church as it enters a new century.

#### Board of Missions

Outreach and support for programs addressing two of the critical problems facing people today: adequate health care and housing.

#### Health Care Missionaries

- \* World Medical Missions -- support of a physician as a health care provider in Third World nations.
- \* Mennonite Central Committee -- support of public health care workers in rural Haiti as they provide health and nutrition education.
- \* Caring Program for Children -- support of preventative health care for children in North Carolina who do not have health care insurance coverage and who are not eligible for Medicaid.

#### Housing

- \* Habitat for Humanity of Alamance County -- join with three other churches to sponsor construction of a house for a local family.
- \* Habitat for Humanity International -- provide funds to purchase materials for construction of a house in the Puebla-Veracruz Project in Mexico.

#### Board of Christian Education

- \* Provide funds to publicize christian education programs to church family, as well as local community.
- \* Purchase additional recreation equipment for the church's use.

#### Board of Deacons

Provide funds to support the purchase of children's choir robes, as well as materials for the evangelism committee's efforts.

ESTIMATED COST: \$20,750

Introduction to the drama of Christ's Passion Prayer for Illumination

#### WORSHIP FOR THE WAY OF THE CROSS by Walter Wangerin, Jr.

Narrator:

Peter figure (also repentant criminal):

Ray Covington

Judas figure (also unrepentant criminal):

Barry Raker

Pilate figure (also Pharisee and Joseph of Arimathea)

Marsh McLelland

Tenor soloist:

Tom Conally Bobby Lyons

Drums:

Dancers: Jeannine Eason, Jennifer Setzer, Erin Jacaruso
(The three dancers are appearing compliments of Walker
Dance Ballet Theatre, John Walker, Director and Choreographer. Costumes by Patricia Loy. Mr. Walker also
created the chancel decorations for this morning.)

The congregation will remain seated during the processional hymn "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" in order that the procession may be more easily observed. This hymn (#155 in the hymnal) should be sung from the script rather than the hymnal as the text has been rearranged into five stanzas from the hymnal's three. These five are sung in two groups: three, and later two.

The congregation will also remain seated for the second hymn, "Go to Dark Gethsemane" (#158 in the hymnal). This hymn should also be sung from the script, as the three stanzas are more widely spaced, and the middle stanza's words are different in part from those in the hymnal.

The congregation will stand for the singing of the final hymn after the Passion drama ends.

\*Hymn 358 "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"

The service concludes with the last stanza of the hymn; there is no benediction. Please keep silence until you have left the narthex, or until you have exited the stairwell if you are going to the ground floor. Thank you.

Worshippers are invited to leave their offerings in the plate on the table in the Narthex as they depart from worship today.

#### PALM SUNDAY

MARCH 24, 1991

"Jesus Christ is Lord!" Jesus, who was "in the form of God," did not regard this "equality with God as something to be exploited." Instead, Jesus "emptied himself...humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death...."

To the point of death....

So often we Christians really would like to gloss over that part of the life of Christ. We would prefer a Savior who took us on a more

pleasant route to salvation.

Yet God wanted so desperately to redeem every aspect of our lives, to save every murky corner of our being, to polish every jagged edge until it shone with brilliance, to breathe meaning into every gasp that comes from our declining bodies, that God, through Jesus, took on betrayal, humiliation, pain, fear, rejection, abandonment, and not only death but unjust execution.

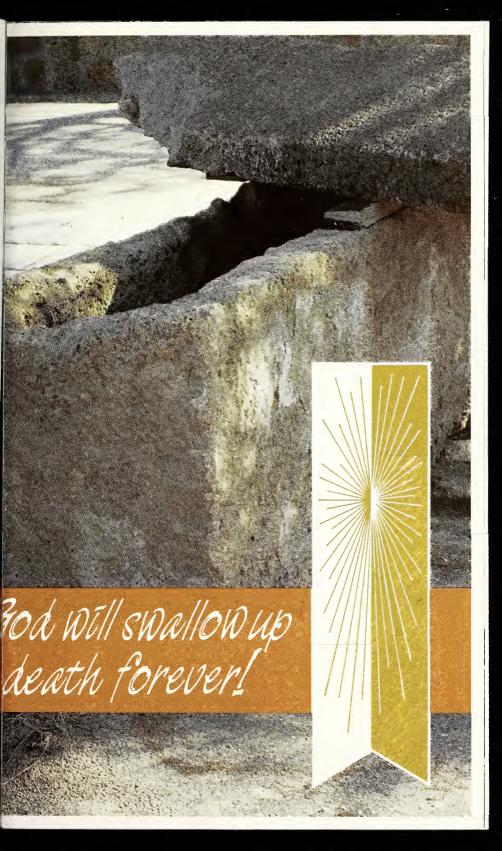
Even our most terrible moments can be redeemed when we realize that we are not alone, in our mourning or in our joy, or in our quest for liberation and salvation. This is what God was telling us through the life of Jesus and through the death of Jesus. Through Jesus, God is with us and God knows us, sharing our common lot. Wherever the forces of death threaten and coerce

and terrorize us, Jesus is there. God is there.

As we view the suffering of God in Christ we come to realize that God, who has been emptied for us, depends on us, in humility. We are Christ's Body on earth. We are the ones who can join hands, as Jesus did, with those in pain, despair, anguish, and fear so that they (and we) might not become prey to aggression, hatred, and bitterness, but agents uniting our energies and passions in order to bring an end to the causes of suffering, to bring in the Reign of God on earth.

When "Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last" (Mark 15:37) his cry was a shout of victory. All had been redeemed. Truly, Jesus Christ is Lord! Of life, or death, of life beyond death!

Rev. Mary Sue Gast Indiana-Kentucky Conference



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March 31, 1991

EASTER SUNDAY \_11:00

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#### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Handbell Preludes

"Jesus Christ is Risen Today" "Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain" " "

"Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart" arr. Ken Ho:

Welcome, Passing of the Friendship Forms, and Announcement "Christ Is Arisen" Introit

Responsive Call to Worship

From a world that leaves the just to the mercy of the strong,

We come to worship the God Ρ. who turns crosses into crowns.

L. With hearts that long for the victory of life but fear the triumph of death,

We come to worship the God who turns the vanquished into victors.

All: Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Invocation and The Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

#### PRAISE OF GOD

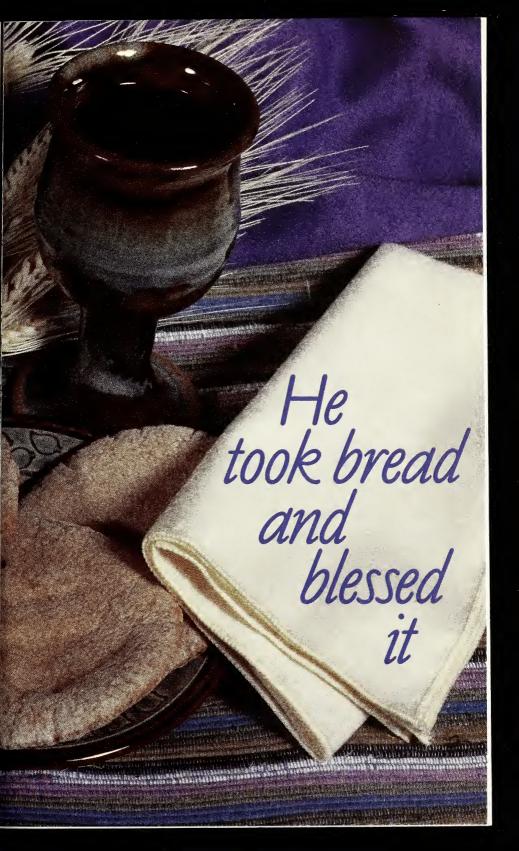
\*Hymn 190 "Lift Up Your Hearts, Ye People"

#### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, whose love flows to all: we confess the our love is limited to those with whom we prefer to associate. Our faith is restricted to what we can prove Our service is diminished by our greater interest in the



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MAUNDY THURSDAY

7:00 I

Prelude

Mrs. Marie Wilkins, guest orga

Welcome and Announcements

Responsive Greeting

L. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you al

P. And also with you.

Scripture Sentences

\*Hymn 169 "My Song Is Love Unknown"

Responsive Call to Confession

L. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

P. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Unison Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, whose Word is a lamp for our feet and a light for our path, we recognize and confess that we have failed to respond fully to your gracious presence in our lives. Through Jesus Christ you have offered us new life fulfillment, and the freedom to serve you. We confess that we are captive to sin, that our sin binds us with false pride, and that the wrong we do is made worse by the good we leave undone. Reconcile us to you and to all people. God of mercy, forgive all our sin and strengthen us anew for life as you intend it; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Silence

Responsive Assurance of Pardon

L. Anyone in Christ becomes a new person altogether; the past is finished and gone, everything has become fresh and new. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:
All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Passing the Peace

The UCC Statement of Faith (Doxological Version)

We believe in you, O God, Eternal Spirit, God of our Savior Jesus Christ and our God, and to your deeds we testify:

You call the worlds into being, create persons in your own image, and set before each one the ways of life and death.

You seek in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin.

You judge people and nations by your righteous will declared through prophets and apostles.

In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Savior.

you have come to us and shared our common lot, conquering sin and death and reconciling the world to yourself.

You bestow upon us your Holy Spirit, creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ, binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues, and races.

You call us into your church
to accept the cost and joy of discipleship,
to be your servants in the service of others,
to proclaim the gospel to all the world
and resist the powers of evil,
to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table,
to join him in his passion and victory.

You promise to all who trust you forgiveness of sin and fullness of grace, courage in the struggle for justice and peace, your presence in trial and rejoicing, and eternal life in your realm which has no end.

Blessing and honor, glory and power, be unto you. Amen.

\*Hymn 178 "'Tis Midnight, And on Olive's Brow"
Prayer

Responsive Call to the Offering

L. Through Christ let us continually praise God and share what we have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

P. Let us prepare Christ's table with the offerings of our life and labor.

Offering

(The offering this evening will go to the church's Good Samaritan Fund that is used to help needy folk.)

Offertory

\*Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

using Liturg

The Service of Tenebrae

First reading (Matthew 26:20-25)
"Shadow of betrayal"

Second Reading (Mattnew 26:31-35)
"Shadow of Desertion"

Third Reading (Luke 22:39-44)
"Agony of the Soul"

Fourth Reading (Mark 14:32-41)
"Unshared Vigil"

Fifth Reading (John 17:1-6)
"Father, the hour is come"

Sixth Reading (John 17:15-22)
"That they may all be one"

#### COMMUNION LITURGY I

Beloved in Christ, the Gospel tells us that on the first day of the week Jesus Christ was raised from death, appeared to Mary Magdalene, on that same day sat at the table with two disciples, and was made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

This is the joyful feast of the people of God. Men and women, youth and children, come from the east and the west, from the north and the south, and gather about Christ's table.

This table is for all Christians who wish to know the presence of Christ and to share in the community of God's people.

God be with you.

And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to God.
Let us give thanks to God Most High.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

We give you thanks, God of majesty and mercy, for calling forth the creation and raising us from dust by the breath of your being. We bless you for the beauty and bounty of the earth, and for the vision of the day when sharing by all will mean scarcity for none. We remember the covenant you made with your people Israel, and we give you thanks for all our ancestors in faith. We rejoice that you call us to reconciliation with you and all people everywhere, and that you remain faithful to your covenant, even when we are faithless.

We rejoice that you call the entire human family to this table of sacrifice and victory. We come in remembrance and celebration of the gift of Jesus Christ whom you sent, in the fullness of time, to be the good news. Born of Mary, our sister in faith, Christ lived among us to reveal the mystery of your Word, to suffer and die on the cross for us, to be raised from death on the third day, and then to live in glory.

(A seasonal preface, according to the season of the church year, will be given by a minister here.)

We bless you, gracious God, for the presence of your Holy Spirit in the church you have gathered. With your sons and daughters of faith in all places and times, we praise you with joy.

Holy, holy, holy God of love and majesty, the whole universe speaks of your glory, O God Most High.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of our God! Hosanna in the highest!

We remember that on the night of betrayal and desertion, and on the eve of death, Jesus gathered the disciples for the feast of Passover. Jesus took bread, and after giving thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to the disciples, saying, "This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way also the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." Therefore we proclaim the mystery of our faith.

Christ's death, O God, we proclaim. Christ's resurrection we declare. Christ's coming we await. Glory be to you, O God.

Eternal God, we unite in this covenant of faith, recalling Christ's suffering and death, rejoicing in Christ's resurrection, and awaiting Christ's return in victory. We spread your table with these gifts of earth and of our labor. We present to you our very lives, committed to your service in behalf of all people. We ask you to send your Holy Spirit in on this bread and wine, on our gifts, and on us. Strangthen your universal church that it may be the champion of peace and justice in all the world. Restore the earth with your grace that is able to make all things new.

Be present with us as we share this meal, and throughout all our lives, that we may know you as the Holy One, who with Christ and the Holy Spirit, lives for ever. Amen.

The bread which we break is the communion of the body of Christ.

The cup of blessing which we bless is the communion of the blood of Christ.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

The gifts of God for the people of God. Come, for all things are ready.

(The bread is distributed)

Take and eat, this is the body of Christ, broken for you.

Amen!

(The cup is distributed)

Take and drink, this is the cup of the new covenant, poured out for you.

Amen!

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Let us pray.

Almighty God, we give you thanks for the gift of our Savior's presence in the simplicity and splendor of this holy meal. Unite us with all who are fed by Christ's body and blood, that we may faithfully proclaim the good news of your love, and that your universal church may be a rainbow of hope in an uncertain world; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

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Seventh Reading (John 18:1-5) "Arrest in the Garden"

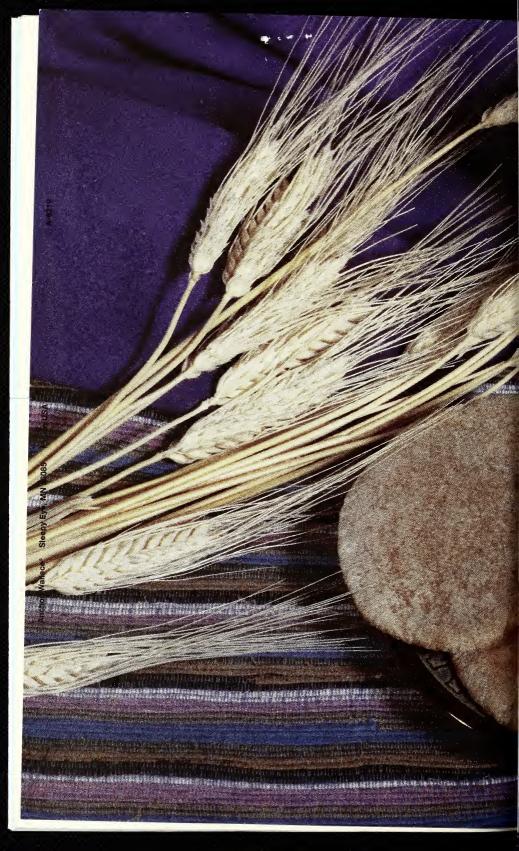
Eighth Reading (Mark 15:16-20) "Shadow of the Cross"

Ninth Reading (John 1:1-4, 14, 10-13; 3:19) "The Word was God"

The Lord's Prayer

Departure in silence

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trappings of "success." We have kept religion in "safe" compartments in our lives, blocking its power to leaven and thereby influence and transform our whole selves.

O God, forgive our lack of faith in the face of all you daily give us and say to us. Transform us now, that we may find here a time of new beginning in our faith; through Jesus Christ our Risen Lord. Amen.

Silent Prayers and Words of Assurance

\*Gloria Patri (#513)

\*Passing of the Peace

## WITNESS OF FAITH

Children's Choir and Young Musicians Anthem
"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

John Horsley

#### RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Offering

Offertory "Now the Green Blade Rises" arr. Norris Stephens

\*Doxology (#515) and Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn #192 "The Day of Resurrection"

(Children second grade and younger have the option of leaving for child care downstairs during the last stanza)

# PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer

Scripture Reading:

Mark 16:1-8

Sermon

"Blindsided By Grace"

# PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORD

Senior Choir Anthem "Sound the Trumpet"

Music by Dale Peterson;

words by Charles Wesley and Dale Peterson.

In the closing part of the anthem, the congregation will join with the choir in singing the <u>first four</u> stanzas of the concluding hymn. The minister will signal the congregation to stand at the appropriate time, and bring the congregation in on the proper beat. Please have your hymnals open to Hymn #182.



\*Hymn #182 "Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

\*Benediction

\*Choral Response "Go Forth In Joy" Alice Jor

\*Postlude "Christus Resurrexit!" Oreste Ravane

\*The congregation may stand at these points.



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THE WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP'S Thank Offering "Strengthen the Church" offering will be collected during the month of April.

Articles for the TORCH are due tomorrow morning.

Nursery today: Janet Mayse

Nursery next Sunday: Heidi Danieley

Child Care During Worship:

Today: Ann Acquilano and Rob Woody

Next Sunday: Carolyn Messick and Katie Brown

# WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun., March 31 - 9:45 a.m. Church School 11:00 a.m. Worship Service

Mon., April 1 - 10:30 a.m. Circle 1 6:30 p.m. Brownie Scouts 7:30 p.m. Circle 2

Tues., April 2 - 7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts 7:30 p.m. Circle 3

Wed., April 3 - 9:00 a.m. Mother's Morning Out 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

Thurs., April 4 - 7:00 p.m. Second Century Committee



# **EASTER SUNDAY**

MARCH 31, 1991

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. No more shall death have an ultimate claim on us. We have received the gift of eternal life through the resurrection of the Crucified God, Jesus Christ. While death remains the last enemy of humankind to be destroyed by God during the second coming, we fear it. It haunts us like nothing else, though we try to overcome it by denying it. Our uniqueness as God's creatures is the reason for our death consciousness.

This consciousness, present in so many places, is clear in the faith songs, the "Negro Spirituals," forged out of the slave experience. To the slaves there was a state worse than death. This is clearly brought into focus in the lines on the tombstone of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr: "Free at last, free at last, Thank God Almighty, I'm free at last." The spiritual, "Oh! freedom, oh! freedom, oh! freedom over me. And before I'd be a slave, I'd be buried in my grave and go home to my Lord and be free," further illustrates the conviction of a social death worse than a physical death.

Christians are historical, for God's purposes are revealed in the trend of human history. Our universal search for heroic images continues. Nelson Mandela is a contemporary example of hope for humankind. He embodies the tireless quest for freedom, justice and peace and carries out that search with no discernible acrimony and bitterness despite a lengthy imprisonment. Tears of joy and celebration flowed upon his release and tour of nations because he is a symbol of the potential healing of ruptured relationships.

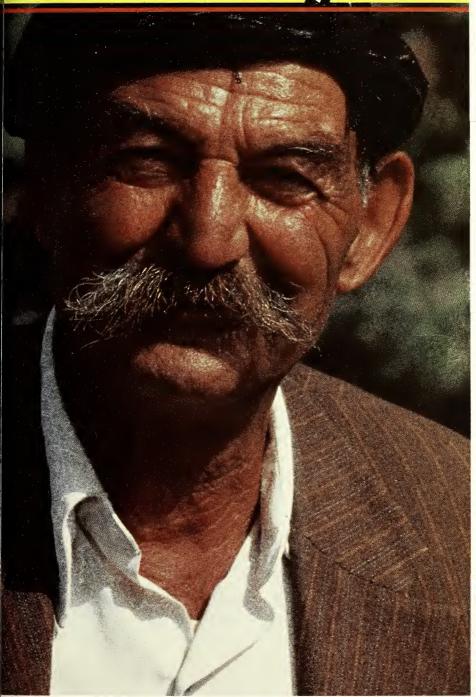
Until the second coming, when God shall wipe away all tears from our eyes and death is swallowed up and destroyed, we as Christians shall defy death, not deny it, because our hero is Jesus, the Crucified God who brought salvation to all those who have faith in his resurrection.

Salvation has two components: grace and judgment. The emphasis in the first coming of the Messiah had grace as the dominant factor. Jesus died for us while we were yet sinners. Jesus fulfilled the messianic expectation of the suffering servant. In the second coming of Jesus Christ, the emphasis in salvation will be that of judgment. Jesus shall come as Judge and King, and death shall be no more.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Rev. James H. Hargett Christian Fellowship Congregational Church San Diego, CA

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Marie Acquilano and Elizabeth Mayse, Acolytes Today

April 7, 1991 CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION 10:30 A.

PART I -- WHITLEY AUDITORIUM, ELON COLLEGE

Prelude on "Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies"
Gordon You

Welcome to Whitley Auditorium

Dr. Fred You President, Elon Colle

Invocation

Dr. John Irvi

\*Hymn "We're Marching to Zion"

Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known, Join in a song with sweet accord, join in a song with sweet accord,

And thus surround the throne, and thur surround the throne CHORUS:

We're marching to Zion, beautiful, beautiful Zion, We're marching upward to Zion, the beautiful city of God

Let those refuse to sing who never knew our God;
But children of the heavenly King, but children of the heavenly King,

May speak their joys abroad, may speak their joys abroad. CHORUS

The hill of Zion yields a thousand sacred sweets
Before we reach the heavenly fields, before we reach the
heavenly fields,

Or walk the golden streets, or walk the golden streets.

Recollections of Church Worship in Whitley

Litany of Thanksgiving for the Use of Whitley Auditorium (from the last service held here before moving to the present sanctuary, August 9, 1959)

Dr. William J. Ande

L. Whitley Auditorium and other college facilities have been used as meeting places of our church for many years. Soon we shall move into our new church building. This auditorium holds many hallowed memories for us. We have worshipped and have held many other meetings here. Within these walls, we have seen our children baptized and admitted to the membership of this congregation. Here they have started their homes through the rite of marriage. Here we have found hope, faith, and comfort in times of sorrow. Upon this campus we have had instruction in the Christian faith. Here we have sought the truth that leads through life.

This place will ever remain in our memory and will remind us of our faith that we have cherished so

dearly.

So let us praise God and give thanks unto Him for Elon College and all who have made possible our meetings here that we might more worthily worship Him and more faithfully serve Him and mankind.

P. We praise Thee, O God, and bless Thy name.

L. Lord God of Hosts, be Thou with us. Give us great memories of the past and let us dream greater dreams for the future.

P. We praise Thee, O God, and ask for Thy guidance in our work.

All: O Thou, with whom one day is as a thousand years and a thousand years as one day: grant us, by faith, to link our fleeting seasons with thine eternity, and to stay our human frailty on Thy divine strength; that so, amid the changes and trials of this life, we may remain unshaken in hope and purpose, and reach the close of our journey, through thy grace, with honor and in peace. Amen.

Direct us, O Lord, in all our doings, with thy most gracious favor, and further us with thy continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in Thee, we may glorify Thy holy Name; and finally, by Thy mercy, obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

\*Hymn: "Forward Through the Ages"

Forward through the ages, in unbroken line,
Move the faithful spirits at the call divine.
Gifts in differing measure, hearts of one accord,
Manifold the service, one the sure reward;
Forward through the ages, in unbroken line,
Move the faithful spirits at the call divine.

Not alone we conquer, not alone we fall; In each loss or triumph lose or triumph all. Bound by God's far purpose in one living whole, Move we on together to the shining goal! Forward through the ages, in unbroken line, Move the faithful spirits at the call divine.

# PART II -- ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH

#### PRAISE OF GOD

Introit "The Lord is in His Holy Temple"

Responsive Recognition of Blessings

L. They shall be fed along the ways; on the heights sha be their pasture. They shall not hunger, nor shall they thirst.

P. The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me lie down in green pastures; he leadeth m beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul.

L. He fed his people with angels' food, alleluia; and bread from heaven he gave them, alleluia.

P. He fed them with the finest of the wheat, alleluia and with honey from the rock did he satisfy them, alleluia!

\*Hymn 263 "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"

# CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

O God of all our journeys, as we congratulate ourselves on approaching a century of service, we acknowledge that

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Next Sunday: Kim or Steve Perry and Jamie Brown

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10:30 a.m. Meet at Whitley for
beginning of
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
12:00 noon Lunch at McEwen Dining Hall
2:30 p.m. Staff Meeting
3:30 p.m. YETS
6:00 p.m. Discover Fellowship
7:00 p.m. Handbell Choir

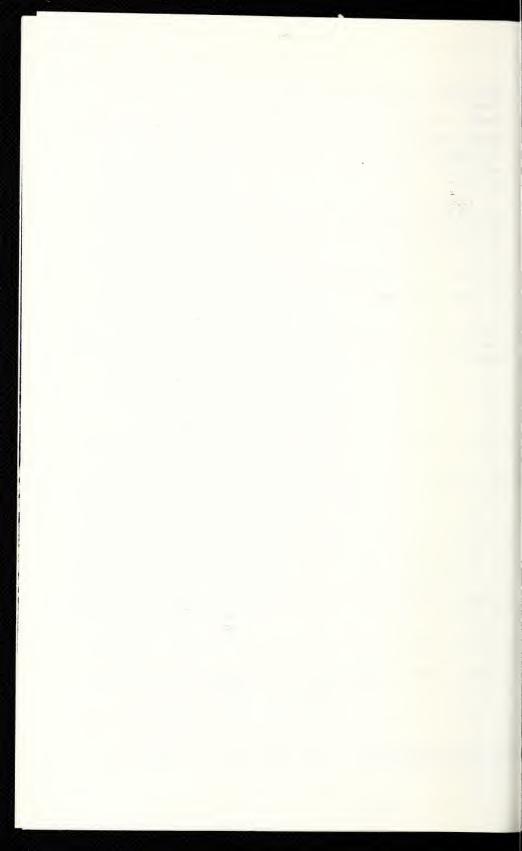
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6:30 p.m. Brownie Scouts

Tues., April 9 - 7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts

Wed., April 10 - 9:00 a.m. Mother's Morning Out
4:30 p.m. Wonderful Wednesdays
6:30 p.m. Scout Committee

7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

Thurs., April 11 - 7:30 p.m. Board of Deacons



he story of our church, like all our human ventures cross history, is a mixed bag—the sins of your people, ncluding ours, have often held us back in timidity when e should have been venturing forward in faith. They have ften held us captive to the culture in which we are mbedded when we should have been challenging that culture ith your prophetic word. They have narrowed our scope of aring when you would have had us see with your wider ision the hopes and hurts of all your children. But you re a God able to take even our sins and work around them o your glory. Forgive us. Help us in days ahead to inder your work less, to make it easier for you to ccomplish your marvelous goals, in which alone lie our ealth and salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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## WITNESS OF FAITH

A Time With Children

. IIMC WILL GITTELE

Anthem

"Seek Ye the Lord"
Tom Conally, Tenor Soloist

J. V. Roberts

Affirmation of Faith (in unison)

The Cardinal Principles of the Christian Church

The Lord Jesus Christ is the only head of the church.

Christian is a sufficient name for the church.

The Holy Bible is a sufficient rule of faith and practice. Christian character is a sufficient test of fellowship and of church membership.

The right of private judgment and the liberty of conscience is a right and a privilege that should be accorded to and exercised by all.

The purposes of this church will be consummated in the reformation of all the world and the union of all Christians.

# RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Offering

Offertory Prelude on "St. Catherine" Gordon Young

\*Doxology (#515) and Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn #97 "God of Our Life, Through All the Circling Year (Children second grade and younger have the option of leaving for child care downstairs during the last stanz

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Pastoral Prayer

Dr. Irvi

- Act of Consecration (led at the Service of Consecration of the Present Sanctuary on September 13, 1959, by the Superintendent of the Southern Convention of the Congregational Christian Churches, Dr. William Tate Scott)
- L. To the glory of God, the elevation of Christ, and the reception of the Holy Spirit,

P. We consecrate this place of worship.

L. Toward the winning of souls by the saving knowledge contained in the Gospel,

P. We set apart this house of prayer.

L. For the proclamation of the Word of God to all men in all conditions,

P. We open the gates of the temple.

L. To the end that the ways of Christ may become the way of men,

P. We set apart this sanctuary.

L. That the voices of thanksgiving, the harmony of hymns and the message of the instruments of music may speak to human hearts,

P. We consecrate this place of praise.

L. In order that children and youth may better understant the strange stirrings of the Spirit of God in the shaping of life,

P. We invite all who would to worship here.

L. For the purpose of bringing to God our deepest sorrow earnest desires, and highest aspirations,

P. We would sanctify this house by prayer.

L. To the end that each home touched by the services of this congregation may be a home dedicated to the ways of Christ and committed to the prosperity of His Church.

P. We would magnify Thy Holy Name.

That in dignity, devotion, and beauty we might consummate life's highest moments through sacrament, profession, marriage, and the services to honor those who have lived and labored here and now have been called to their eternal home,

We consecrate this house of the Divine Presence.

To the end that all who come this way may enter with reverence and depart with a desire to serve the Lord in full devotion,

We set apart this sanctuary.

That all who bow to pray, sit to learn, and rise to praise may discover in their hearts the peace that passeth understanding,

We consecrate this house of worship.

11: In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

cripture Reading: Acts 11:19-26

ermon "Known as Christians, Simply" Dr. William J. Andes

## PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

"I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord" lymn #269

enediction

Dr. Andes

horal Response

ostlude

"God Be With You Till We Meet Again" "Built On the Rock"

L. M. Lindeman

\*The congregation may stand at these points.

Next Sunday, April 14th, is our climactic Centennial Sunday. Dr. Paul Sherry, President of the United Church of Christ, vill be our guest speaker. Festivities begin with a reakfast in our newly renovated Parish House at 8:30 a.m. after which Dr. Sherry will speak informally and answer questions. Worship is at 11:00. To make a reservation for breakfast please let the church office know by comorrow, Monday, April 8th. (A plate will be passed at he breakfast to defray expenses.)

# SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 7, 1991 John 20:21

Ours is a resurrection faith, sometimes even a resuscitation faith, a faith that can bring back to life that which was dead. On Easter evening, Jesus didn't send the disciples on vacation for peace and quiet, but rather he commissioned them to a resurrection ministry! "Peace be with you. As God has sent me, even so I send you." Perhaps true inner peace can come only as we carry out the ministry of Jesus Christ, bringing light to those who walk in darkness, hope to those who live in despair, and justice to those whose lives are deadened by systems of oppression.

Rev. Jeanette A. Good First Congregational Church Amherst, MA

#### **ORTHODOX CHRISTIANS**

"Christ is risen!"

"He is risen indeed!"

Christians in the West heard those momentous words repeated last Sunday. But today is Easter for our Christian brothers and sisters in the Eastern Orthodox Churches.

Orthodox Christianity came to the attention of many in the West three years ago when the Russian churches celebrated the millenium of their founding. Western Christian leaders, including the Reverend Avery D. Post, then president of the United Church of Christ, attended the celebrations in the Soviet Union.

"No one who has ever worshiped in a Russian Orthodox Church will ever forget the women and men who crowd those services," he reported. "Their presence, their focus, their piety became a ministry to me."

For generations, western Christians magnified the differences—in liturgy and polity—that separated us from the Orthodox. Few of us understood the cause of the first division in Christendom, but we behaved as though it were irreparable.

Now much has changed, both in religious life and society. We meet regularly with our Orthodox counterparts around the ecumenical table. The Democratic Party nominated a member of the Greek Orthodox church for President of the United States in 1988.

We are coming to acknowledge that Orthodox Christians may celebrate Easter at different times and in different ways and yet be our brothers and sisters in the faith.



UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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April 14, 1991 CENTENNIAL SUNDAY

11:00 A.

Handbell Preludes

"Now the Green Blade Rises" "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart"

arr. Norris Stephe arr. Ken Holla

Welcome, Passing of the Friendship Forms, and Announcement Dr. John Irvi

Introit "Now God Be Praised in Heaven Above"

Melchior Vulpi

Responsive Call to Worship

- Minute by minute, Sabbath by Sabbath, year by year, and century by century, the people who have sought to follow Christ have been sustained by the God who keeps covenant.
- Ρ. Praise to the Eternal One, whose steadfast love endures for ever, who sets free the captive spirits, and who leads us into the future not with dread but with joy!
- L. As we enter upon our second century we are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses. Should the Lord tarry, in the year 2091 most of us will have taken our places in that cloud, surrounding those to whom God will have entrusted this building and Christ's ministry in this place, as they celebrate a bicentennial.
- Like those who went before us, we shall serve the Ρ. days we will not see. In the strength of Christ's Spirit we will run with perseverance the race he has set before us, and fight the good fight of faith.

Praise God who keeps faith across time!

Invocation and the Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

#### PRAISE OF GOD

\*Hymn #1

"Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"

#### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Rev. Beth Lyon

Responsive Prayer of Confession

- L. O God, you spared yourself nothing, but sent your only Son into the world to proclaim your love for us.
- P. For the times we have hidden our light under a bushel, and neglected to share the good news with others, forgive us.
- L. O God, the Giver of new life, you send us the gift of your Spirit, setting us on fire.
- P. For the times our response to you has only been lukewarm, forgive us.
- L. O God, in Christ Jesus you tore down the dividing wall of hostility between different sorts of people, making us all one church.
- P. For the times we have erected walls between black and white, male and female, young and old, rich and poor, forgive us.
- L. O God, you call us to be the body of Christ in this place, Christ's hands and Christ's feet.
- P. For the times we have neglected to respond to the cries of those whom we are called to serve, even as you served us, forgive us.
- All: Ever-faithful God, strengthen us for the years ahead, increase our love for each other, and help us to be worthy of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silent Prayers and Words of Assurance

\*Gloria Patri (#513)

\*Passing of the Peace

# WITNESS OF FAITH

Anthems "All Things Bright and Beautiful" John Rutter
Young Musicians' Choir

"Song of Celebration"

Allen 1

Adult Choir Heidi Danieley and Linda Raker, Flautists

\*The United Church of Christ Statement of Faith
(Doxological Version) Gordon Ran

We believe in you, O God, Eternal Spirit, God of our Savior Jesus Christ and our God, and to your deeds we testify:

You call the worlds into being, create persons in your own image, and set before each one the ways of life and death.

You seek in holy love to save all people from aimlessnes and sin.

You judge people and nations by your righteous will declared through prophets and apostles.

In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Savior,

you have come to us and shared our common lot, conquering sin and death and reconciling the world to yourself.

You bestow upon us your Holy Spirit, creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ, binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues, and races.

You call us into your church
to accept the cost and joy of discipleship,
to be your servants in the service of others,
to proclaim the gospel to all the world
and resist the powers of evil,
to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table,
to join him in his passion and victory.

You promise to all who trust you forgiveness of sin and fullness of grace, courage in the struggle for justice and peace, your presence in trial and rejoicing, and eternal life in your realm which has no end.

Blessing and honor, glory and power, be unto you. Amen.

#### RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Offering

Offertory "Blessed Jesus, We Are Here" J. S. Bach

\*Doxology (#515) and Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn #260 "The Church's One Foundation"

(Children second grade and younger have the option of leaving for child care downstairs during the last stanza)

#### PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Introduction of Dr. Sherry

Dr. Rollin Russell

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings Isaiah 65:17-25; II Timothy 1:1-12

Sermon

"History Is Ours"

Dr. Paul Sherry

# PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

\*Hymn #366 "God of Grace and God of Glory" stanzas 1,2,3,5

A Prayer for the Second Century Dr. Carole Troxler

\*Benediction

Dr. Sherry

\*Choral Response "God Be With You"

W. G. Tomer

\*Postlude

"Now Thank We All Our God" J. S. Bach

\*The congregation may stand at these points.

Participating in the leadership of the Centennial Wors service are the following:

The Rev. Dr. John M. Irvine, Jr.
Senior Pastor of Elon College Community Church

Associate Pastor of Elon College Community Churc

Mr. Gordon Rankin
Associate Member of Elon College Community Churc
Graduate of Elon College, Class of 1988
A senior at Andover Newton Theological School,
Newton Centre, Massachusetts
anticipating ordination by the Southwest Confere

The Rev. Dr. Rollin Russell
Conference Minister of the Southern Conference
of the United Church of Christ
Graham, North Carolina

President of the United Church of Christ Cleveland, Ohio

Dr. Carole W. Troxler

Member of Elon College Community Church
Professor of History, Elon College
Author of the "Prayer for a Second Century"
which concludes the Church's Centennial Booklet

WE EXTEND A CORDIAL WELCOME to all who worship with us today. We invite you to return, and to make this your home church, if you do not have one. When the friendship forms are passed, we ask all to sign, and visitors to please write their addresses. Pass the pad back after all have signed. Greet your neighbors after worship.

Col . Marghas

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God and in memory of Dr. W. T. Herndon, Mrs. Clara Ann Herndon and Jennie Thomas Herndon, signers of 1891 Covenant to start this church and Mrs. Loudelia Herndon York. Mrs. York and Dr. Herndon were great grandchildren of Rev. James O'Kelly. The flowers are given by Madge and Edith Brannock.

Articles for the TORCH are due tomorrow morning.

Nursery today: Cile Welborn

Nursery next Sunday: Jimma Causey

Child Care During Worship:

Today: Kim or Steve Perry and Jamie Brown Next Sunday: Maxine Rich and Brian Harper

# WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun., April 14 - 8:30 a.m. Breakfast 9:45 a.m. Church School 11:00 a.m. Worship Service 7:00 p.m. Handbell Choir

Mon., April 15 - 6:30 p.m. Brownie Scouts

Tues., April 16 - 9:30 a.m. Fun Club 7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts

Wed., April 17 - 9:00 a.m. Mothers' Morning Out
4:30 p.m. Wonderful Wednesdays
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

Thurs., April 18 - 7:30 p.m. Board of Trustees

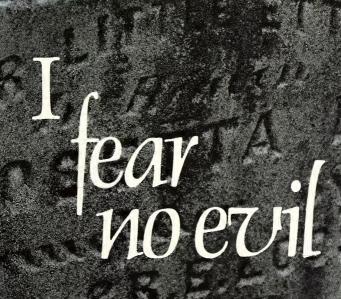
Fri., April 19 - Sun. April 21

Discover Fellowship Camping Trip to Hanging Rock State Park The Then

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April 21, 1991

EARTH DAY

11:00 A.

# PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude "Recuerdos de la Alhambra" Francisco Tarr Paul Wheeler, Guitarist

Welcome, Passing the Friendship Forms, and Announcemen

Introit

"Praise Ye the Lord"

Philip Yo

Responsive Call to Worship

- L. There are days when we seek things for ourselves and measure failure by what we do not gain.
- P. On the Sabbath we seek not to acquire but to share.
- L. There are days when we exploit nature as if it we a horn of plenty that can never be exhausted.

  P. On the Sabbath we stand it.
- P. On the Sabbath we stand in wonder before the inexhaustible mystery of creation.
- L. There are days when we act as if we cared nothing for the rights of others.
- P. On the Sabbath we are reminded that justice is our duty and a better world our goal.

Invocation and the Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

## PRAISE OF GOD

\*Hymn # 6

"O Worship the King"

# CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Lord of the Universe, gracious Giver of our world, we cry for forgiveness for our abuse of the earth. We have loved our life style more than we have loved creation; we have tolerated abuse of the earth because of our laziness of heart and dislike of personal inconvenience; we have assumed an easy-fix mentality toward the creation as if we were its engineers and creators. O forgive our envy, sloth, and idolatry; and may we learn to truly care for the planet you have given us before we ruin it. In Christ's name, Amen.

Silent Prayers and Words of Assurance

Gloria Patri (#513)

Passing of the Peace

#### WITNESS OF FAITH

A Time With Children

"A Reflection of Christ" David Schwoebel Anthem

#### RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Offering

Offertory

"Prelude in D Minor" Paul Wheeler, Guitarist J. S. Bach

Doxology (#515) and Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn # 64 "All Creatures of Our God and King" (s.1,2,3,5) (Children second grade and younger have the option of leaving for child care downstairs during the last stanza)

#### PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer

Scripture Readings Psalm 104

"Wide Angle Praise" Sermon

# PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

\*Hymn # 456 "All Beautiful the March of Days"

\*Benediction

\*Choral Response "Benediction"

Gene Gr

\*Postlude "Toccata in F Major" Dietrich Buxteh

\*The congregation may stand at these points.

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First Quarter financial statements are available in the narthex.

Nursery today: Jimma Causey

Nursery Next Sunday: Wilma Williamson

Child Care During Worship:

Today: Maxine Rich and Brian Harper

Next Sunday: Cile Welborn and Ryan Harris

# WEEKLY CALENDAR

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Tues., April 23 - 7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts

Wed., April 24 - 9:00 a.m. Mother's Morning Out
4:30 p.m. Wonderful Wednesdays
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

Thurs., April 25 - 7:30 p.m. Board of Missions

# FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 21, 1991

Psalm 23

When I was 23 years old, I was in the Northeast of Brazil. Many young Christians were being tortured by a repressive regime there. I was scared. I wrote asking my mother to send the King James version of the 23rd Psalm, the same version I had learned as a child in Sunday School. The Psalm was comforting, like nothing else in all scripture. Knowing that God is with us in the valleys of the shadow of death does indeed calm our fears, empower our convictions, and restore our souls. I have often wondered how many times Psalm 23 has been recited in dark torture chambers around the world.

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## AN ECUMENICAL IMPERATIVE

A year ago, the World Council of Churches sponsored a World Convocation of Justice, Peace, and the Integrity of Creation in Seoul, South Korea. Represented at this historic meeting were not only members of WCC churches, but also of other ecumenical organizations, the Roman Catholic Church, and other non-member churches.

The tasks of the Convocation were daunting: "to make a theological affirmation on justice, peace and the integrity of creation, to identify the major threats to life in these three areas and show their interconnectedness, and to make and propose to the churches acts of mutual commitment in response to them."

Still, the delegates came up with significant findings that have since been shared with the World Council of Churches at its Seventh

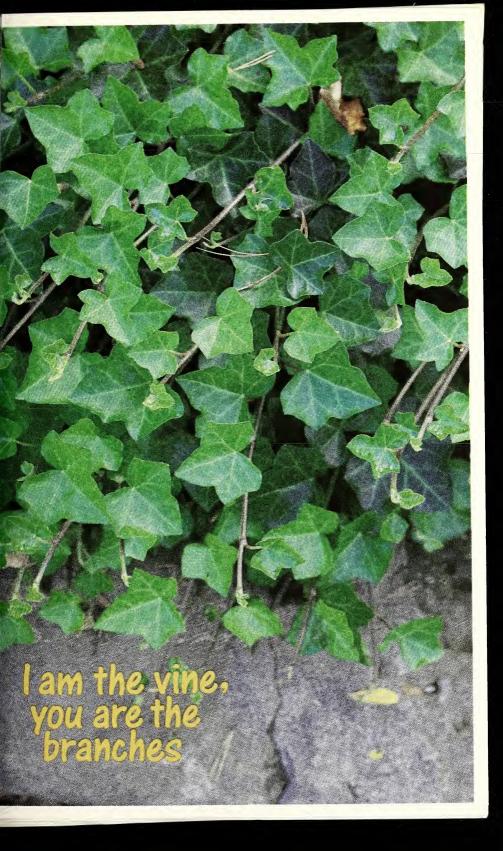
Assembly, held last month in Canberra, Australia.

Members of the United Church of Christ played significant parts in the Seoul Convocation, as they have in other such gatherings. We recognize that justice, peace and the integrity of creation are ecumenical imperatives.

Our church's commitment to lift the burdens of oppression, to halt the epidemic of violence, and to bind up nature's wounds was manifest in the action of the Seventeenth General Synod. By adopting Integrity of Creation, Justice, and Peace as a four-year church priority, the delegates sought to enlist all parts of our communion in study and action.

With our Christian brothers and sisters around the globe, UCC local churches, conferences, and national church bodies are called to new awareness and a new ministry in behalf of the world, and everything in it. Giving to Our Church's Wider Mission is an integral part of that

witness.



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April 28, 1991 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

11:00 A. M.

Prelude

"Abide With Me" Heidi Danieley, Flautist

J. S. Bac

Welcome, Passing the Friendship Forms, and Announcements

"O May the Praise of God" Natalie Sleet Introit

Responsive Call to Worship

L. We are gathered in the presence of the risen Christ who remains with us for ever.

When we abide in the love of Christ, love, joy, and P • peace grow.

We are rooted in Christ's love that we may bear the fruits together with all God's people.

With the faithful of every race, tribe, people, as nation we sing: Blessing, glory, wisdom, thanks, honor, and might be to God for ever and ever. Amen.

Invocation and the Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

\*Hymn #188 "Joy Dawned Again on Easter Day"

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

e confess, 0 God, that we are accustomed to having our wn way. Our abundance has tricked us into believing that e are independent, self-sustaining creatures. We live as hough we don't need you or one another. We need help to nderstand, to be reconnected, to be truly productive. We eed your love and forgiveness in order to live with urselves, and with one another. Help us, God! Amen.

Silent Prayers and Words of Assurance

Gloria Patri (#513)

Passing of the Peace

A Time With Children

Anthem "In Jesus Rest" arr. David Peninger Heidi Danieley, Flautist

Offering

Offertory "For the Beauty of the Earth" arr. Van Denman Thompson

Doxology (#515) and Prayer of Dedication

Hymn # 217 "Lord of All Hopefulness"
(Children second grade and younger have the option of leaving for child care downstairs during the last stanza)

Prayer

Scripture Readings I John 4: 7-12

John 15: 1-8

Sermon

Rev. Lyon

Litany (see insert)

\*Hymn # 272 "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

\*Benediction

\*Choral Response "God Bless You and Keep You"

Jay Althous

\*Postlude "Postlude on Ebenezer" Gordon Young

\*The congregation may stand at these points.

Weather permitting, immediately after worship the congregation is invited to gather on the front lawn for a brief dedication ceremony for the Centennial Oak.

Adult Choir Rehearsal on Wednesday, May 1, will be at Betty Walker's home (across from Pizza Hut) at 7:30 p.m.

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in ho of Mrs. Mabel Veazey by Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Alexander.

Nursery today: Wilma Williamson Nursery next week: Susan Hemphill

Child care during worship: Cile Welborn and Ryan Harris Next Sunday: Marie or Jeff Wilkins and Christy Rich

#### LITANY

### AN ACT OF DEDICATION

members of the community face one another across the er aisle.

Let us make a common act of dedication

Silence

In the first century, Paul said to the Church at Rome: "All of us, in union with Christ, form one body, and as parts of it we belong to each other."

"The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord."

We hear your truth, Lord. Help us to do it.

In the first century, Paul said to the Church at Corinth: "Now together you are Christ's body; but each of you a different part of it."

"If one part is hurt, all parts are hurt with it. If one part is given special honor, all parts enjoy it."

We hear your truth, Lord. Help us to do it.

In the first century, Paul said to the Church in Galatia: "My brothers and sisters, serve one another in works of love."

"If you go snapping at each other and tearing each other to pieces, you had better watch out or you will destroy the whole community."

We hear your truth, Lord. Help us to do it.

In the first letter of John, it is said: "We have passed out of death and into life. Of this we can be sure, because we love our brothers and sisters in Christ."

"Our love is not to be just words or mere talk, but something real and active; only by this can we be certain that we are children of the truth."

We hear your truth, Lord. Help us to do it.

- L. In this century, Dietrich Bonhoeffer has said:
  "It is grace, nothing but grace, that we are allowed to live in community with fellow Christians."
  "We belong to one another only through and in Jesus Christ."
- P. We hear your truth, Lord. Help us to do it.
- L. Jesus said, "You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength."

  "And you must love your neighbor as yourself."
- P. We hear your truth, Lord. Help us to do it. Amen.

COMBINED MEETING MAY 2, 1991 OF THE FUN (C) CLUB AND THE LAMANCE COUNTY LANNING COMMITTEE THURSDAY 1000AM - PARISH HOUSE IN OPEN FORUM TO PROYIDE NFORMATION BY COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES ON LOCAL, STATE & NATIONAL SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY. OUR INPUT DESIRED. FUN CLUB WILL GO



WEEKLY CALENDAR: 45 a.m. Church

9:45 a.m. Church School 11:00 a.m. Worship

3:30 p.m. Middle Hi Youth 6:00 p.m. Discover Fellowship

7:00 p.m. Handbell Choir

Monday, April 29 6:30 p.m. Brownie Scouts

Tuesday, April 30 7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts

Sunday, April 28

Wednesday, May 1 9:00 a.m. Mothers' Morning Out 4:30 p.m. Wonderful Wednesday

7:30 p.m. Adult Choir (at Betty Walker's house)

Friday, May 3 -5 Middle Hi Retreat to Blowing Rock

# FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 28, 1991 John 15:5

How easy it is to feel over-extended in life. We can so easily feel like tree branches out of control, running all over the place. Jesus reminds us that a productive life is a well-pruned life. God is the source of our energy. Yet when we take on too many power agendas we diffuse God's transforming power. How often we have branched out in areas that are just draining our energy rather than bearing fruit. When we have gone astray we need to cut back and sometimes even cut the entire branch. A well-pruned life is an abundant life. Spring is here. Once again it's time to weed and to prune.

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## THE CUTTING EDGE

As the Jeremiahs among us like to point out, overall membership in the United Church of Christ has not increased since the 1960s. Yet, there is one segment among our local churches that is growing rapidly. Between 1981 and 1986, membership in our African American congregations increased by over thirty percent!

To build on that momentum, in 1989 the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries, in cooperation with the Ministers for Racial and Social Justice and the United Black Christians, launched a training

program for UCC black church development.

Its goal was ambitious: to increase UCC African American membership from 70,000 to 100,000. A coordinating and implementing team, with members representing the fourteen "areas" of the homeland where UCC African American churches are located,

supervised the program.

To succeed, this local church development program had to take into account some of the unique features of our 272 African American congregations. Almost half of them have less than 100 members. Thus, special attention was given to the needs of small churches. More than half of our African American churches are in the Southern Conference. UCBHM grants enabled staff to devote full time to the needs and concerns of these churches. At the same time, however, steps were taken to make sure that African American churches from other geographical areas were not excluded from the program.

Thanks to our gifts to Our Church's Wider Mission, over 25 area resource and training sessions have now been held to strengthen the skills that African American clergy and lay leaders need to promote church development. That alone should enhance the role of our black churches—already on the cutting edge of our denominational growth.



Love one another as I have loved you

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May 5, 1991

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

11:00 A.

Prelude "Prelude in E Flat Major" David N. John

Welcome, Passing of Friendship Forms, and Announcement

Introit "Great Art Thou"

Alice Jor

Responsive Call to Worship (from Psalm 98:4-9)

- L. Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises.
- P. Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody.
- L. With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord.
- P. Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those that live in it.
- L. Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy
- P. at the presence of the Lord, for he is coming to judge the earth.
- All: He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

Invocation and the Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

\*Hymn # 20 "Sing Praise To God Who Reigns Above"

Call to Confession

nison Prayer of Confession

O God, we have not lived as your servants; how can we ever aspire to be Jesus' friends? We complain rather than sing your praises. We ignore your commandments and dismiss them as unimportant. We focus on our own interests rather than givingfor ourselves for cuases and people important to your purposes. Turn us around, God, and help us to devote ourselves to your way. Amen.

ilent Prayers and Words of Assurance

Gloria Patri (#513) and Passing of the Peace

A Time With Children

Anthem "Jesus, Name of Wondrous Love" Everett Titcomb Kelly Hughes, soprano soloist Chris Lawrence, tenor soloist

Offering

Offertory "Variations on Azmon" Hal H. Hopson

Doxology (#515) and Prayer of Dedication

Hymn # 169 "My Song Is Love Unknown"

(Children second grade and younger have the option of leaving for child care downstairs during the last stanza)

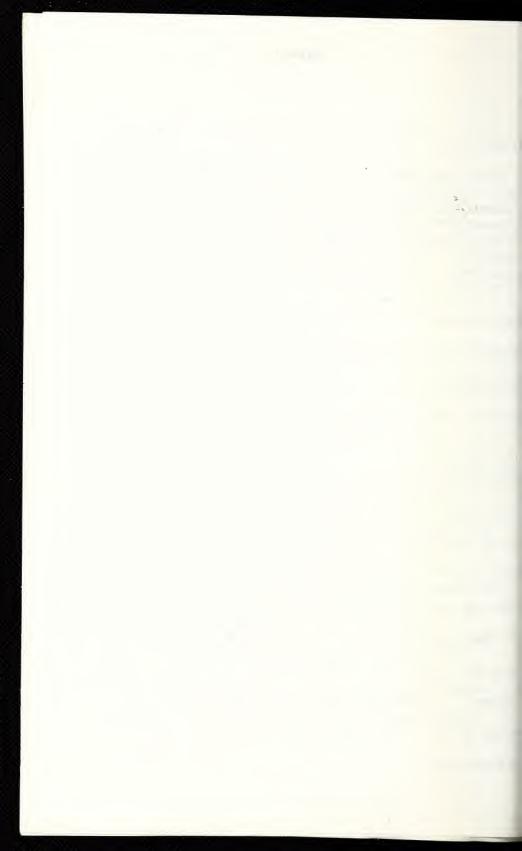
Prayer

Scripture Reading John 15:9-17

Sermon "When the Quo Has Lost its Status"

Hymn # 218 "O Jesus, I Have Promised"

Benediction



\*Choral Response

"Go Forth In Joy" Alice Jordan

\*Postlude

"Hornpipe"

G. F. Handel

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The EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP will have a brief meedting immediately after worship in the Adult Sunday School Classroom.

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CHILD CARE during worship today: Marie or Jeff Wilkins & Christy Rich. Next Sunday: Louis Wilkins and Brian Rose.

#### WEEKLY CALENDAR

9:45 a.m. Church School Sun., May 5 11:00 a.m. Worship Service 6:00 p.m. Discover Fellowship 7:00 p.m. Handbell Choir Board of Christian Education 7:30 p.m.

6:30 p.m. Brownie Scouts Mon., May 6 6:30 p.m. Ministerium Picnic, Carolina UCC

9:30 a.m. Elon College Baccalaureate Tues., May 7 7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts

9:00 a.m. Mother's Morning Out Wed., May 8 4:30 p.m. Wonderful Wednesdays 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

Thurs., May 9 7:30 p.m. Board of Deacons

# SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 5, 1991 John 15:12

Over the entrance of the Huguenot Temple in Le Chambon-sur-Lignon in France are these words: "Aimez-vous les uns les autres." ("Love one another.") It was these words of embracing love that empowered this small Protestant village during World War II to hide over 5,000 Jewish children. Because of Jesus' words, the simple people of Le Chambon risked their lives so that the persecuted children could live. There is no greater life than a life of love, and no greater love than a love that risks one's life.

Rev. Jeanette A. Good First Congregational Church Amherst, MA

#### THE UNMENTIONABLE SIN

Violence against women has been called "the unmentionable sin." Many of us would prefer it remained that way, especially on Sunday mornings. But are we willing to accept the consequences? For generations silence has prevailed on the subject, and for generations the violence has persisted.

Fortunately, during the past two decades, the silence has begun to be broken. Today, society has begun to acknowledge the prevalence of sexual harassment, rape, and domestic violence. Not only have these crimes of violence been named, but determined women have organized to combat them. Rape crisis centers, battered women's shelters, and programs to identify abused children have sprung up around the country.

But violence against women should not be considered a "women's issue." All of us are responsible for halting this "man-made" epidemic.

Here are few ways your church can help:

\* Display posters and brochures advertising services for battered women and rape victims. Include information about those services in your church newsletter.

\* Encourage church members to serve as volunteers in those programs,

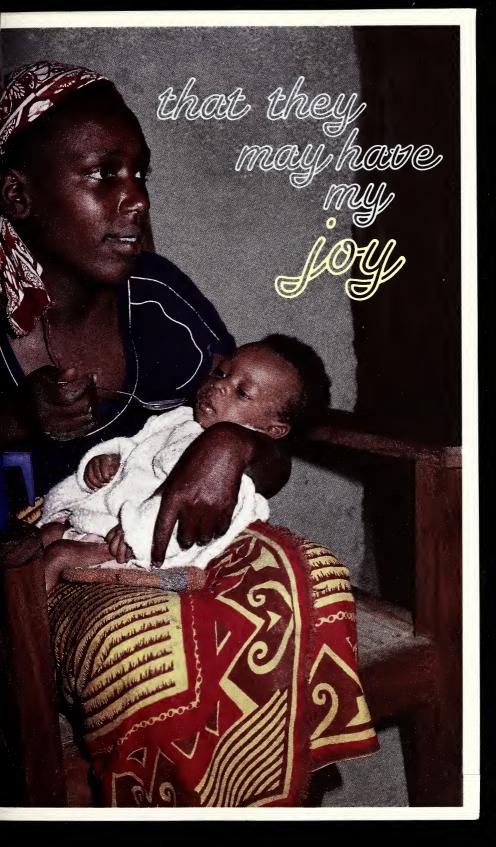
and include them in the church budget.

\* Educate pastors and church school teachers on how to identify and respond to victims of physical or sexual abuse. Include Pilgrim Press

resources on the subject in the church's educational ministry.

The Fourteenth General Synod of the United Church of Christ approved a Pronouncement on Violence Against Women. "As Christians, believing in the sacredness of God's creation and in the equality of women and men," it states, "we are called to speak out against...physical and/or sexual abuse...."

Along with local churches, the conferences and national bodies of the United Church of Christ have responded with action on this Pronouncement. We support them with our gifts to Our Church's Wider Mission.



# ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH United Church of Christ Elon College, North Carolina

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May 12, 1991 SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 11:00 A.

Prelude "Prelude and Fugato on Crusader's Hymn" Gordon You

Welcome, Passing of Friendship Forms, and Announcements

Presentation of Bibles

Al Carpent

Introit "This Is The Day" Young Musicians' Choir

Natalie Slee

Responsive Call to Worship (from Psalm 103) Heidi Troxlo

L. With all that is within us, let us bless God,

P. Who forgives all our sins, who heals all our diseases.

Who lifts us up from rock bottom, who crowns us with steadfast love and mercy.

All: With all that is within us, let us give praise and thanks to God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us. Amen.

Invocation and the Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses") Shawn McKenn

\*Hymn # 251 "Holy, Holy, Holy"

Call to Confession

Emily Wood

L. God, in your mercy

Hear our prayer. P .

L. Let us confess our sin against God and each other.

Unison Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we know that you love us and that you call us to fullness of life, but around us and within us we see the brokenness of the world and of our ways. Our successes leave us empty; our progress does not satisfy. Our prosperous land is not the promised land of our longing. Forgive our willful neglect of your word, our insensitivity to the needs of others, and our failure to feed the spirit that is within us; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

Silent Prayers and Words of Assurance

\*Gloria Patri (#513) and Passing of the Peace

Responsive Prayer "The God of Our Mothers" by Martha Blacklock

Katie Brown

A wandering Aramean was my mother. In Egypt she bore slaves. Then she called to the God of our mothers. Sarah, Hagar, Rebeccah, Rachel, Leah. Praise God who hears, forever.

A warrior, judge, and harlot was my mother. God used her from time to time. She gave what she had, and was willing. Rahab, Jael, Deborah, Judith, Tamar. Praise God, who takes, forever.

A Galilean virgin was my mother. She bore our Life and Hope. And a sword pierced her own soul also. Mary, blessed among women, mother of God. Praise God who lives, forever.

A witness to Christ's rising was my mother. What the angels said, she told. The apostles thought it was an idle tale. Mary, Mary Magdalene, Joanna, women with them. Praise God who lives, forever.

A faithful Christian woman was my mother. A mystic. Martyr. Saint. May we, with her, in every generation, Julian, Perpetua, Clare, Hilda: Praise God who made us, Praise God who saved us. Praise God who keeps us all, forever. Amen.

Jazz Cantata 100% Chance of Rain Walter S. Horsl Young Musicians' Choir

Offering

Offertory "Fairest Lord Jesus"

arr. F. Melius Christians

\*Doxology (#515) and Prayer of Dedication Brian Harp

\*Hymn "Amazing Grace" John Newton, 17

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound That saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found, Was blind, but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my fears relieved; How precious did that grace appear The hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come; 'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, And grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures; , He will my shield and portion be As long as life endures.

cripture Reading Matthew 13:1-9,18-23 Elizabeth Mayse

The Clown School" by Marjorie J. Clark

rayer

ymn # 8 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

enediction Lydia Troxler

horal Response "Go Now In Peace" Natalie Sleeth

ostlude "Fantasia" Johann Pachelbel

The congregation may stand at these points.

e ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God in honor Mabel Veazey by Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Dixon.

he Clown School" is produced by special arangement with ntemporary Drama Service.

rticipants in "The Clown School":

acher: Heidi Troxler

owns: Elizabeth Lohr-Myers

Vega Herold Marie Acquilano Scott Williamson

rl: Tara McKenna



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Mon., May 13	6:30 p.m.	Brownie Scouts
Tues., May 14	7:00 p·m•	Cub Scouts
Wed., May 15	9:00 a.m. 4:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Mother's Morning Out Wonderful Wednesday Adult Choir Rehearsal
Thurs., May 16	7:30 p.m.	Board of Trustees

## SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 12, 1991 John 17:13

How many a mother has prayed for the happiness of her children? How many a mother has worried when her children had to face a sometimes cruel world? Leaving the nest is not easy for child or parent. Jesus, on the eve of his death, aware that the disciples would be on their own, prayed for their well-being, their inner fulfillment, their joy. He knew that the disciples, being in the world, but not of its value system, would be confronted by the world's hatred. When we are opposed and even ridiculed because of our beliefs, God will empower us. Our hearts will sing with joy, for we have risen to faithfulness.

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#### A NEW DAY IN GERMANY

The United Church of Christ had a special stake in the dynamic events, beginning in the fall of 1989, that brought the walls between East and West Germany tumbling down. For years, we had cultivated our partnership with the Evangelical Church of the Union (EKU), the United Church in both Germanies. During the long, dark years of the Cold War, contacts with Christians in East Germany offered UCC members a unique opportunity to share the ordeal and the courage of a church witnessing faithfully despite restrictions and persecution from a hostile government. When change finally came, we were in an unparalleled position to celebrate a new day of freedom with our EKU partners.

But the future is not clear. The new situation in the old East Germany is filled with new problems as well as new opportunities. The East German economy is decrepit, the environment polluted. The promise of immediate material affluence tempts some people to

forget or even sacrifice longer-term values.

Our special relationship with the EKU will enable the UCC to share in our partners' struggle with the new challenges they face in the future. At the same time, we will have their continued participation with us, as we too face a new and unchartered world situation. In fact, exchanges with our East German partners will be much easier than before, as the elimination of the East-West border makes possible unrestricted travel in both directions.

Sharing with our partners in the EKU will continue to enrich our faith and understanding as we move together into a future of new

challenges and new possibilities.

Rev. Kenneth R. Ziebell United Church Board for World Ministries 

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May 19, 1991

PENTECOST

11:00 A.

#### PRAISE OF GOD

Prelude "Intermezzo" from Sonata # 3 Joseph Rheinberg

Welcome, Announcements, and Passing of Friendship Forms

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Introit "Spirit of the Living God" Daniel Ivers

Responsive Call to Worship

Leader: O God, how manifold are your works!
In wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.

Men: These look to you

to give them their food in due season.

Leader: When you open your hand,

they are filled with good things.

Women: When you send forth your Spirit,

they are created;

and you renew the face of the ground.

Leader: Let us sing to God as long as we live,

sing praises to our God while we have being.

All: May our meditation be pleasing to God, in whom we rejoice.

Invocation and the Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

\*Hymn # 240 "Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove"

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we have cut ourselves off from the power of your presence, lest we be swept off our feet and forced to see life from a new perspective. We have belittled those who speak with certainty of your transforming Spirit and turned away from any truth larger than our own perceptions. We are dry bones in a valley of dry bones. How shall we live? Amen.

Silent Prayers and Words of Assurance

\*Gloria Patri (#513) and Passing of the Peace

## WITNESS OF FAITH

Anthem

"Holy Spirit, Live in Me" Charles Kirby

# RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Reception of New Members

see insert

Offering

Offertory "Adagio" from Sonata # 5 Joseph Rheinberger

\*Doxology (#515) and Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn 242

"Holy Spirit, Truth Divine"

# PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer

Scripture Reading Acts 2:1-21

Meditation

"Heaven's Distribution System"

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Using Liturgy (

## PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

\*Hymn # 245

"Gracious Spirit, Dwell With Me"

\*Benediction

\*Choral Response "Father, Give Thy Benediction"

\*Postlude

"Trumpet in Dialogue" Louis Clerambault

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Remember the CHURCH PICNIC next Sunday afternoon at 4 at the Burlington City Park. Directions: Go east on Church Street and at the west end of the Park (by Ham's Restaurant) turn right onto Overbrook Road. Go to the first parking lot on the left. Facing that parking lot are two buildings. Ours will be the second one you come to.

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CHILD CARE during worship today: Jane McLelland and Rob Woody. Next Sunday: Sue and Katie Brown.

The ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SOUTHERN CONFERENCE will be held at Catawba College this Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. Dr. J. Earl Danieley is our congregation's delegate. Dr. Irvine will also be in attendance for the first part but will be returning for the wedding rehearsal Friday evening and ceremony Saturday at 3:00 of two of our church members, Stephanie Redding and Chip Pfeiffer.

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# CEREMONY OF RECEPTION INTO MEMBERSHIP

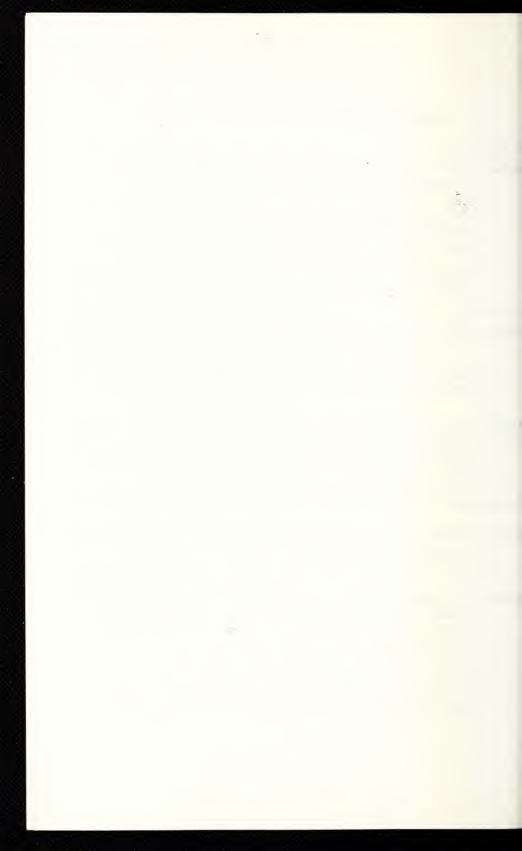
ople: We offer you our love and support. We invite you to share your gifts with us, and promise to share ours with you, since God has apportioned varieties of gifts among us for the common good, for the building up of the Body of Christ in the world.

ader: Do you promise to be a faithful member of this congregation, and a faithful steward of the gifts God has given you, thereby fulfilling your calling as a disciple of our Lord Jesus?

w Members: I so promise, relying on God's grace.

ison: O God, grant that we may live out our discipleship together in ways that bring honor to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

ader: On behalf of the congregation, I extend to you the right hand of fellowship.



#### COMMUNION LITURGY C

To this table we welcome all who own Jesus as Savior and Lord, who desire the mercy of God and peace with their neighbor, and who seek strength and companionship to follow the way of Christ.

Gracious God, we pray that you will grant us strength through this sacrament, according to the promises of Christ. Increase in us, and among us, the sense of his presence.

As they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after saying the blessing, he broke it and gave it to his disciples. "Take it and eat," he said, "this is my body." Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them. "Drink from this, all of you," he said, "this is my blood, the blood of the covenant, which is to be poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins."

Lord, we pause before the awesome mystery of this food. Your Spirit formed the earth and warmed it by the sun, gave life to the buried seed, and nourished it through snow and rain; so that in dying, the seed burst forth with new life after its pattern.

Your stewards prepared and planted, tended and harvested, milled and ground, crushed and strained, baked and blended, packaged and transported and marketed this food, so that today we may rejoice in this royal meal.

Your Spirit formed and filled the Christ, out of the wonderful history of your people. He walked the earth setting others free from sin and disease and fear to live in the joy of faith. He died on the cross, was buried, and then burst forth into new life, so that we might reach new life after his pattern.

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As the grain comes to new life in our mind and muscle, as the grape refreshes and once again becomes vital, so the Spirit has new life in us and through us.

But must we be broken as the grain was broken?
Must we be yielding as the grape was yielding?
Must we be willing as Christ was willing?
Must we die in order to come to new life?

Jesus said, "He who finds his life will lose it, and he who loses his life for my sake will find it."

Speak to us, Lord, through this mystery.

(The elements are distributed.)

Unison Prayer after Communing:

Lord Jesus Christ, we have received here good gifts at your pierced hands:

the taste of your mystery,
the power of your peace,
the refreshment of your life,

the close fellowship of your people. We have had time to take stock of our lives, to ponder afresh the direction of our pilgrimage. Help us to absorb these communion gifts, so that within us and among us the Kingdom of God may become real, after your pattern.

Amen.

Dr. Irvine will also be away Monday and Tuesday of this week visiting his parents in Harrisonburg, Virginia. The Deacon to contact in case of pastoral need is Shirley Beyer (office 228-1720; home 584-6911).

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#### WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun., May 19	9:45 a.m.	Church School	
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service	
Af	ter worship	Pot-luck luncheon	
K-	2:30 p.m.	Staff Meeting	
	7:00 p·m·		
Mon., May 20	6:30 p·m·	Brownie Scouts	
Tues., May 21	7:00 p·m·	Cub Scouts	
Wed., May 22	9:00 a.m.	Mother's Morning Out	
	4:30 p.m.	Final Wonderful Wednesday	
	7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal	
Thurs., May 23	7:30 p.m.	Board of Missions	
	Afternoon	Annual Meeting of the	
	through	Southern Conference at	
	Sat. a.m.	Catawba College	
Sun., May 26	9:45 a.m.	Church School	
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service.	
(Sermon title: "You're Included in the Will!"			
Scripture:	Romans 8:12-	17; Dr. Irvine preaching.	
Bake Sale fo	r Sr. High W	ork Camp after worship.)	
	4:00 p.m.	Church Picnic, Burlington	
		City Park	
		NO handbell choir practice.	

# PENTECOST SUNDAY

MAY 19, 1991

John 16:13

There is nothing more difficult at times than discerning the truth. Bombarded every day by conflicting information, it is so easy to feel confused on an issue. Searching for the truth is clearly one of the greatest struggles of the twentieth century. With so many voices proclaiming different truths, it is critical that we take time to discern God's Spirit, to listen to, to make contact with God's inner and communal voice. Jesus says, "the Spirit...will guide you into all truth." That's true, but first we must insure that we are plugged into the Spirit of God and not some worldly force that claims to be God, but isn't.

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#### STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH

Most of us are not church starters. When we move to a new community we don't set about starting a new church. We try to find an existing church that meets our needs. And if we're lucky, we do.

But someone has to be a church starter. Otherwise, there wouldn't be any churches for us to find when we relocate.

Fortunately for us, church starters are usually pastors who answer the call and the challenge.

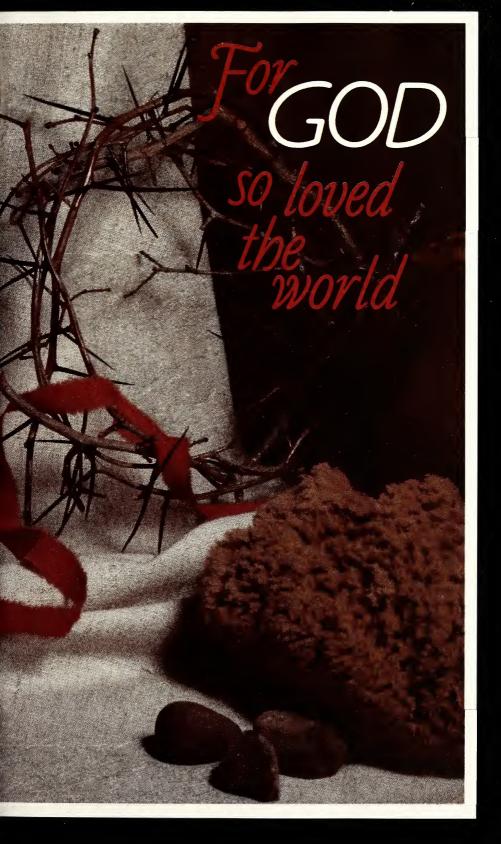
But someone has to support these new church pastors while they seek to gather a congregation.

In the United Church of Christ, much of that support comes from Strengthen the Church, our all-church "thank" offering. Many congregations receive Strengthen the Church at Pentecost, the birthday of the church. Others, however, dedicate their gifts to Strengthen the Church at Thanksgiving time.

In gathering and sustaining a new church, lay leadership is also essential. Most of us are not born church leaders. Someone has to inspire and train us to be new church leaders. That empowerment comes through conference and national workshops and seminars. Much of the support for leadership training in the United Church of Christ comes from Strengthen the Church, too.

We know how much difference a United Church of Christ congregation makes to a community. And we also know how much difference leadership makes to a local church.

Churches don't start themselves. Nor do leaders train themselves. That is why we need the Strengthen the Church offering.



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TRINITY SUNDAY

11:00 A. M

## PRAISE OF GOD

Prelude

"Invocation"

Alec Rowle

Welcome, Announcements, and Passing of Friendship Forms

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Introit "The Lord Is In His Holy Temple" George F. Roo

Responsive Call to Worship

Leader: God comes in the wind and thunder and flame,

changing the circumstances of our lives.

Women: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;

the whole earth is full of God's glory.

Leader: God reveals to us the things of heaven and

earth, pointing us to the realm of God.

Men: We speak of what we know,

and bear witness to what we have seen.

Leader: God so loved the world that God gave

Jesus Christ to live among us and die for us.

All: When we cry out to God, the Spirit bears

witness that we are children of God

and heirs with Christ.

Invocation and the Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

lymn # 251

"Holy! Holy! Holy!"

# CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Jnison Prayer of Confession

Three-times-holy One, our best parenting is but a shadow of your giving and caring for us. Our devotion to brothers and sisters can hardly be compared to the self-giving of Jesus Christ, our brother. The most understanding and forgiving family spirit we share is hardly comparable to the unity in lvoe which is your nature. We are lost if we flee your loving discipline. We are estranged if we deny your Son Jesus. We are orphaned if we are not bound to you by the Spirit. Mercifully keep us in your family through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silent Prayers and Words of Assurance

Gloria Patri (#513) and Passing of the Peace

#### WITNESS OF FAITH

Anthems

Dottie Rambo "Love Is" "Praise Him, Praise Him" Anonymous "All Night, All Day" arr. Jacqueline McNair Children's Choir

Anthem

Charles Gounod "Sanctus" Senior Choir; Jane McLelland, soloist

# RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Offering

Offertory "Holy Spirit, Faithful Guide"

Van Denman Thompson

\*Doxology (#515) and Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn 249

"Ancient of Days"

#### PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer

Scripture Reading Romans 8:12-17

"You're Included in the Will!" Sermon

# PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

\*Hymn # 399 "O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go"

\*Benediction

\*Choral Response

"God Be With You" David Lantz

\*Postlude

"Toccata - Finale" Vito Carneva

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on., May 27 OFFICE HOLIDAY

6:30 p.m. Brownie Scouts

ues., May 28 7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts

ed., May 29 9:00 a.m. Mother's Morning Out

6:30 p.m. Troop Committee

7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

hurs., May 30 7:00 p.m. Church Council

un., June 2 9:45 a.m. Church School

11:00 a.m. Worship Service

(Sermon title: "Tough Faith." Scripture:

II Corinthians 4:5-11; Dr. Irvine preaching.

NO handbell choir practice.

#### FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

MAY 26, 1991 John 3:16

How many potential parents have asked the soul-wrenching question, "Do we have a right to bring a child into this world?" Yes, so much seems to have gone awry with God's creation: polluted water supplies, depleted ozone layers, drug-addicted babies, teenagers whose agony of soul has deadened their will to live, homeless adults who are treated like human garbage. Yet God so loves the world that God chooses to invest and reinvest in the creation. As creatures of God, we can do no less.

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#### SUFFERING AND HOPE IN THE MIDDLE EAST

In Jerusalem, where Jesus was first hailed by the people and then hanged by the authorities, less than ten thousand Christians remain today. That's a third of the number that resided in the city when the state of Israel was founded. In Lebanon, the last Arab nation to be governed by them, Christians are fleeing to the West. Bloody battles among Christians help make life in Beirut intolerable. Since the fifth century, Istanbul has been the seat of the Ecumenical Patriarch, considered "first among equals" by the bishops of the Eastern Orthodox Churches. But today Patriarch Dimitrios has barely three thousand followers in that city of six million.

Faced with these facts, Gabriel Habib, general secretary of the Middle East Council of Churches, expresses deep concern about the "continuity of the Christian presence and witness in this region."

Yet, there are also signs of renewal. The fifth General Assembly of the Council, held in January, 1990, represented the first time in fifteen centuries that all of the Christian churches in the Middle East have met together. Syrian, Armenian, Copt—people of diverse traditions, languages, and political backgrounds met in an environment of openness and love.

Dale Bishop of the United Church Board for World Ministries witnessed that historic meeting, and found some hope. "The vocation of Middle Eastern Christians...is the living out of the Incarnation, partaking of the divine while recognizing the divine in every human being, in the particularity of every community's suffering."

We share the suffering and the hope of our Christian brothers and sisters in the Middle East through our gifts to Our Church's Wider Mission.



Stretch out your hand"

#### ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH United Church of Christ Elon College, North Carolina

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June 2, 1991

2nd Sunday after Pentecost 11:00 a.

#### PRAISE OF GOD

Prelude "God, My Shepherd, Walks Beside Me" J. S. Ba

Welcome, Announcements, and Passing of Friendship Forms

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Introit

"Great Art Thou"

Alice Jorda

Responsive Call to Worship

- Sisters and brothers, the Scripture reminds us that being in Christ's service is no picnic.
- R. Serving God entails affliction and persecution and suffering of all kinds.
- But Scripture also reminds us that such ministry operates under God's power rather than our own.
- R. And God's power brings success out of suffering, victory out of defeat, and life out of death. Thanks and praise be to God!

Invocation and the Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

\*Hvmn # 38

"Morning Has Broken"

#### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

O Lord, my life becomes enmeshed in the things of this world. I worry about money and property and not having enough. I am anxious about taxes, high prices, and the recession. My standard of living is more affected by Hollywood than it is by the Bible, and my model of behavior is more likely to come from TV than from Jesus. Forgive me, O Lord, and restore to me a sense of my true commitments. Let your Presence mean more to me than a new car or a handful of cash; for you are my life, my health, and my salvation. Amen.

Silent Prayers and Words of Assurance

\*Gloria Patri (#513) and Passing of the Peace

# WITNESS OF FAITH

Anthem

"God of Our Life" Arr. George Lyon (The text is that of Hymn # 97)

A Time With Children

#### RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Offering

Offertory "My Faith Looks Up To Thee" arr. Hal Hopson

\*Doxology (#515) and Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn # 367 "Fight the Good Fight"

#### PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer

Scripture Reading II Corinthians 4:5-11

"Tough Faith" Sermon

# PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

\*Hymn # 381 "My Faith, It Is an Oaken Staff"

\*Benediction

\*Choral Response

"Benediction"

Gene Gri

\*Postlude "Toccata in E Minor" Johann Pachelbe

\* The congregation may stand at these points.

The ALTAR FLOWERS are given in memory of Janet Loy Faulkner by Mr. & Mrs. Howard Loy & family.

NURSERY today: Lou Harper. Next Sunday: Maxine Rich.

CHILD CARE during worship today: Brian Harper and Jamie Brown. Next Sunday: Ann Acquilano and Brian Harper.

"The heresy of the pious: to cut the arms off the cross and leave nothing but a pole, a vertical relationship with God with no outreach toward one's suffering fellow - John Calvin Payne man."

#### WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun.,	June	2	9:45	a.m.	Church School		
,				a.m.	Worship Service		
			after wor	ship	YETS Hot Dog Lunch,		
				_	Parish House		
			3:30	p.m.	Middle High Youth		
				p.m.	Women's Fellowship		
				•	Executive Committee		
			7:00	p•m•	Worship Committee		
Mon.,	June	3	6:00	p•m•	Women's Fellowship "Caring Banquet"		
Wed.,	June	5	9:00	a.m.	Mother's Morning Out		
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Thu.,	June	6	7:30	p.m.	Callahan Study,		
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Sun.,	Tune	9	9:45	a.m.	Church School		
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Scripture: Amos 6:1, 4-7 and Luke 16:19-31. Dr.							
Irvine preaching.)							
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#### SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JUNE 2, 1991 Mark 3:5

"Stretch out your hand." Why? What are you going to do? It's the Sabbath! They are watching—those watchers of the Law. The Law: authoritarian, comfortable, exact. "Come here. Is it lawful on the sabbath to save or to kill?" It isn't a matter of life or death, just a withered hand. "Stretch out your hand." He did: bone and sinew were renewed, the Law seemed to be broken. The hand was restored, and a plan was made to destroy Jesus. The paradox of authority vs. authoritarianism was played out one more time.

Rev. Carleton E. Gunn Pride's Corner Congregational Church Westbrook, ME

#### LOVE YOUR ENEMIES

Eleven years ago, mobs of Iranians broke into the United States embassy compound in Teheran and made hostages of our diplomatic personnel. While our government sought ways to liberate the captives, Americans remembered them with yellow ribbons and condemned their captors. For most Americans, Iran was a pariah.

A year ago, a major earthquake in Northern Iran killed and injured 100,000 people and left another half million homeless.

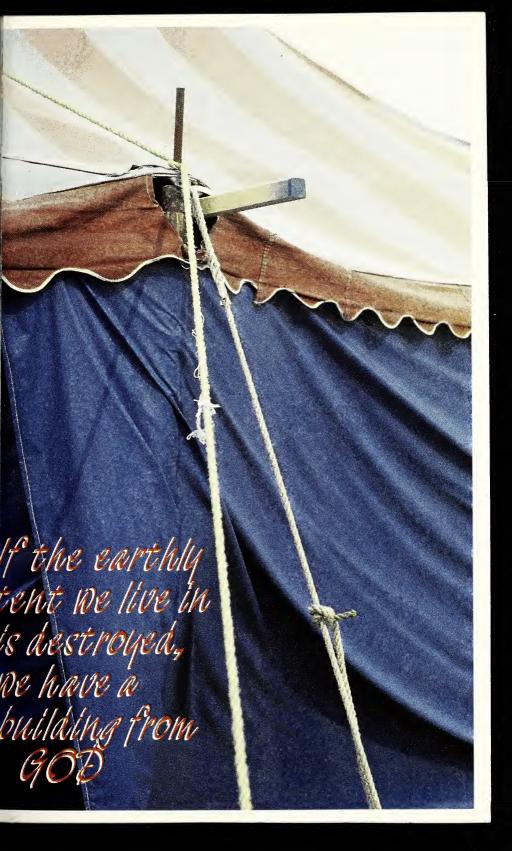
Would Iran, one of the most insulated of countries, welcome outside assistance? The answer from the Iranian Red Crescent came back: tents, blankets, medical supplies, and canned food are desperately needed.

Would the American people, still smarting from the hostage crisis, respond? Church World Service sent forth its call to the constituent churches for \$50,000 to cover the cost of shipping medical supplies to Iran.

Without waiting for the churches' response, Church World Service contacted its partners in the area. Soon, \$5,000 was on its way to the Middle East Council of Churches. In the meantime, church agencies, including our own United Church Board for World Ministries, began to respond with gifts of money.

A shipment of over 5,000 pounds of medical supplies from Church World Service, in cooperation with Interchurch Medical Assistance, arrived in Teheran on July 12.

Jesus said: "If you love only the people who love you, why should you receive a blessing?" "Love your enemies and do good to them; lend and expect nothing back." (Luke 6:32, 35)



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June 9, 1991 3rd Sunday after Pentecost

11:00 a

#### PRAISE OF GOD

Prelude "God, My Shepherd, Walks Beside Me" J. S. B

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Introit "Now God Be Praised" Melchior Vulp

Responsive Call to Worship

- L. Give praise to Christ the giver of Life:
- P. for the freedom to accept myself, in the movement from my death to my life.
- L. Give praise to Christ the giver of Life:
- P. for helping me to lose myself in the lives of others through service, only to find the life He has given me.
- L. Give praise to Christ the giver of Life:
- P. for freedom to see the whole world of people, without restrictions, as sisters and brothers.
- L. Give praise to Christ the giver of Life:
- P. for release from the terrible fear of the mystery of my own death.

  (continued)

- L. Therefore with all creation we sound out the themes of our praise.
- All. We give thanks for Life, for Life eternal, and for the freedom to live before we die.

Invocation and the Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

\*Hymn # 457

"The Summer Days Are Come Again"

#### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

We admit, O God, the idolatries of our hearts. We fasten upon things temporal and forget things eternal. We chase after our own desires rather than your will. In a world of pain and suffering, we do little to alleviate them. Forgive us, O God, and put a right spirit within us. Help us to love the unlovely and care for the broken-hearted. Use us to bless the world around us. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Silent Prayers and Words of Assurance

\*Gloria Patri (#513) and Passing of the Peace

# WITNESS OF FAITH

A Time With Children

Anthem

"Praise Ye the Lord"

P. Ivanoff

#### RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Commissioning of Work Campers (YETS)

Offering

Offertory "My Faith Looks Up To Thee" arr. Hal Hopson

\*Doxology (#515) and Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn # 217

"Lord of All Hopefulness

#### PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer

Scripture Reading

Amos 6:1, 4-7; Luke 16:19-1

Sermon

"When You Concentrate on Yourseli

# PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

\*Hymn # 396

"Fill Thou My Life, O Lord My Go

\*Benediction

\*Choral Response "O May the Praise of God" Natalie Slee

\*Postlude

"Toccata in E Minor" Johann Pachelb

Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God and loving memory of Dr. and Mrs. John G. Truitt by John and Dolores Truitt.

The rosebud is in honor of James Augustus Luke III, firs grandchild of Lois Luke, and son of Jay and Vickie Luke Winston-Salem. He was born there on June 5th and weighe 9 1bs. 2 oz.

Nursery today: Maxine Rich. Next Sunday: Lou Harper.

Child Care during worship today: Ann Acquilano and Bria Harper. Next week: Carolyn Messick and Ryan Harris.

<sup>\*</sup> The congregation may stand at these points.

#### WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun.,			1:00	a.m.	for work camp in WV
			7:00	p•m•	return late Friday Handbell Choir
Wed.,	June	12	9:00	a.m.	Mother's Morning Out
				$p \cdot m \cdot$	Choir Practice
Thu.,	June	13	7:30	p•m•	Board of Deacons
Sun.,	June	16	9:45	a.m.	Church School
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D1			7:00		Handbell choir practice.

#### THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JUNE 9, 1991 2 Corinthians 5:1

We are just tenting out here. Paul tented out all over the world he knew. He knew the resilience and frailty of mortal flesh. His body was assaulted by stones, storms, and prison cells. The old earthly tent he wore was growing mighty thin. Paul knew it was "wasting away." He also had confidence that the resurrection was real. When the old tent was "destroyed," God would provide a new one "not made with hands, eternal in the heavens." Paul, the Tarsus tentmaker, knew all about tents: material and eternal.

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#### "SUFFER THE LITTLE CHILDREN"

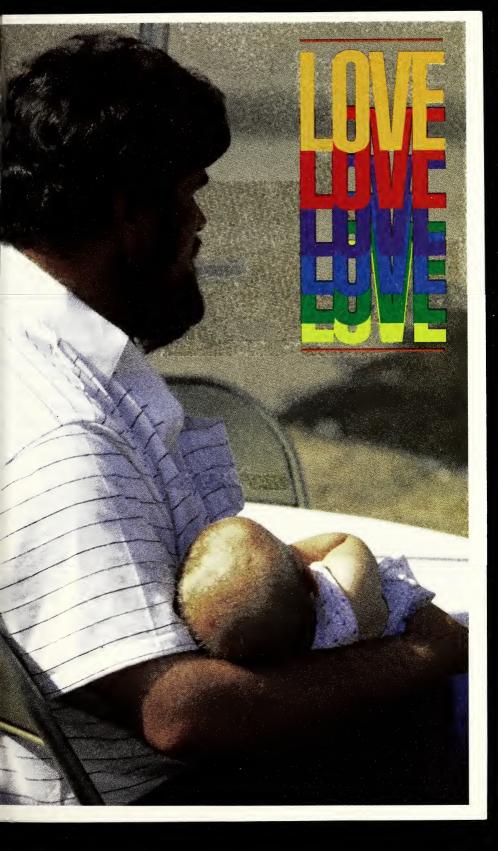
"Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs." (Mark 10:13-16 NRSV).

If Jesus really meant that children have a prior claim upon God's blessings, we adults must accept the blame for a tragic reversal in priorities. For today children stand at the very end of the line.

One out of five American children lives in poverty. Overall, that amounts to twelve million children. Thousands of children die needlessly from preventable diseases each year. Medical science has provided the means to stop many of these childhood killers. But it requires inoculation, and two out of five inner-city preschoolers never get any. Furthermore, children are among the groups most likely not to have health care insurance coverage.

Homelessness, lead poisoning, physical violence and sexual abuse—even AIDS: children in America are victims of every problem that besets our society today. And not only so-called "minority" children. A majority of poor children in the United States is white.

What can we do about this national tragedy? Just what we've been doing in the past, only more so. With the inspiration, vision, and leadership of the Office for Church in Society, the United Church of Christ has witnessed for children in crisis. A National Consultation on Children in Poverty, held in Washington, D.C. in 1988, outlined a plan of action for education and child care, health and nutrition, housing and homelessness. Our gifts to Our Church's Wider Mission, especially through the Neighbors in Need all-church offering, made that event possible.



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Vega Herold and Emily Woody, Acolytes Today Judge Marsh McLelland, Liturgist Today

June 16, 1991 4th Sunday after Pentecost 11:00 a.m.

#### PRAISE OF GOD

Prelude "Intermezzo from Sonata # 4" Joseph Rheinberge

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"Jesus, Be Present Now" Introit

Dave Perr

Responsive Call to Worship

- Come, all who are troubled or weary, L. who know the pain of the world's people.
- God is our refuge and strength, P . a very present help in trouble.
- As we gather we affirm God's presence L. and seek to know as we are known.
- The God of hosts is with us; P • the God of our ancestors hears and leads us.
- Be still and know that God is God, L. exalted among the nations of this earth.
- The realm of God is here and everywhere, P • in time and beyond time.

Invocation and the Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

Hymn # 20

"Sing Praise To God, Who Reigns Above"

#### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

We confess before you, 0 God, our misplaced anger, which comes from viewing people and events as satellites of ourselves. We like to have our own way, God, and are upset when others don't fit into our plans. We are content with our privileges and are seldom disturbed by inequalities that are tipped to our own advantage. Forgive us, 0 God, for living for ourselves and regarding others from so narrow a perspective. Tune us in to the mind of Christ, we pray. Amen.

Silent Prayers and Words of Assurance

\*Gloria Patri (#513) and Passing of the Peace

# WITNESS OF FAITH

A Time With Children

Time With Children

"Psalm" Linda Raker, Flute Natalie Sleeth

(The text is from Psalm 121, which is the first part of Responsive Reading # 103 on p. 536.)

Report from Work Campers (Y.E.T.S. program)

# RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Offering

Anthem

Offertory "Prelude on St. Catherine" Gordon Young

\*Doxology (#515) and Prayer of Dedication

"Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken" \*Hymn # 267

#### PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer

Scripture Reading II Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17

Sermon

"It Looks So Different from the Inside!"

# PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

\*Hymn # 322

"Jesus Calls Us"

\*Benediction

\*Choral Response "Go Forth in Joy" Alice Jordan

\*Postlude

"Song of Triumph" Charles Talmadge

Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dr. and Mrs. S. W. Caddell, Mrs. Ann Matthews, and Dr. Fred S. Caddell by Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Hughes.

Nursery today: Lou Harper. Next Sunday: Maxine Rich.

Child Care during worship today: Carolyn Messick and Ryan Harris. Next Sunday: Kim or Steve Perry and Christy Rich.

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#### WEEKLY CALENDAR

9:45 a.m. Church School Sun., June 16 11:00 a.m. Worship Service 7:00 p.m. Handbell Choir ?ue., June 18 7:30 p.m. Parsonage House Meeting (Deacon hostesses: Lou Harper, Kay Hensley) Ved., June 19 9:00 a.m. Mother's Morning Out 7:00 p.m. Personnel Committee Thu., June 20 7:30 p.m. Board of Trustees 8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast Sun., June 23 9:45 a.m. Church School 11:00 a.m. Worship Service including Communion

(Sermon title: "High Panic and Deep Faith".

Scripture: Mark 4:35-41. Dr. Irvine preaching.)

7:00 p.m. Handbell choir practice.

#### **FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

JUNE 16, 1991 2 Corinthians 5:14

Couldn't you just die for love? Love is so head-over-heels wonderful, and costly. It feels so good and it hurts so bad. Christ was born for love, and for love Christ died. That is the heart of the gospel. That's the gospel Paul wants us to hear, love's "good news." Sometimes Paul seemed to be "beside himself" in love. That's how it is when we fall hopelessly in love. Maybe that's how God felt when Jesus was sent into the world, with the joy and the pain all mingled together.

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#### "YOU ARE HERE"

In the airport at Capetown, South Africa, a crowd expectantly awaits the arrival of three freed political prisoners.

"Amandla!" "Awethu!" "Power to the People!"

Kevin, Allan, and Vincent raise their hands high as they are engulfed by the crowd of their friends.

A white missionary, observing the scene at a distance, asks himself: Why aren't there any whites in the welcoming party? Why aren't there any church delegations?

Part of him wants to join the welcoming celebration, but he hesitates: "It's not your crowd," says a small voice inside him. The crowd surges past and outside before he can act.

Look, here come some others. Two more political prisoners, Mr. Khumalo and Mr. Mthetwa, older than the first three, appear. But the crowd is gone. Only one person remains to welcome them.

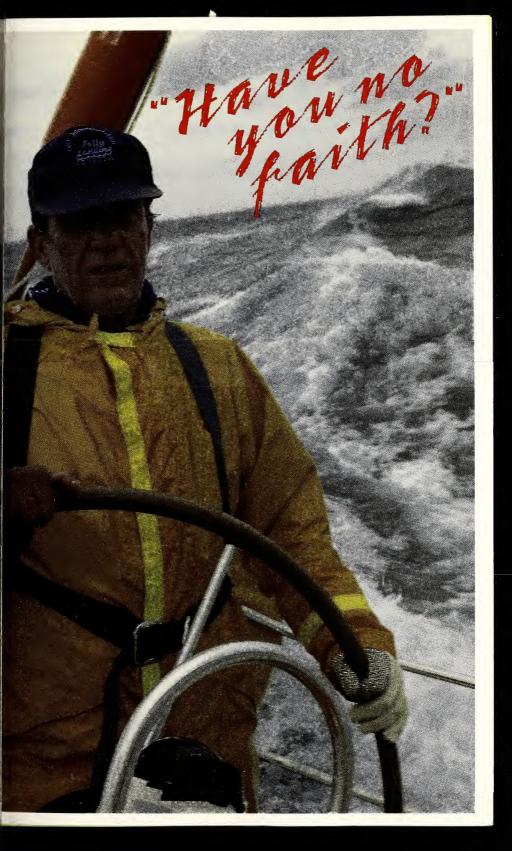
A new inner voice speaks to the missionary. "You are here. You are the church's representative."

Resisting the temptation to hold back, he approaches the small group and extends his hand.

"Sawobona, Hello, You don't know me, but welcome home!"

Surprise, then delight. The two black men do not know the missionary, but they know a white hand reached out to welcome them. Someone has stepped across invisible barriers to be an ambassador of Christ.

You and I cannot be in South Africa when the prisoners are freed. We cannot be in Sri Lanka when the siege is lifted. We cannot be in Salvador when the exiles return. Our missionaries extend their hands in our behalf. We help make it possible with our gifts to Our Church's Wider Mission.



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June 23, 1991

5th Sunday after Pentecost

11:00 a.m

#### PRAISE OF GOD

Prelude "Prelude on What a Friend" Gordon Young

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Introit "This is the Day The Lord Hath Made"

Johann Crugo

# Responsive Call to Worship

- L. The Spirit drifts over the face of the deep, and though the wind rises and the sea swells, the Spirit is at rest.
- P. Let us worship the Spirit in silence, for a voice upon the water whispers, "Be still, and know that I am God."
- L. The Spirit leads us from chaos to calm, and though we fear the wind and dread the sea, the Spirit restores our souls.
- P. Let us worship the Spirit in strength, for a voice upon the water speaks, "Be not afraid; it is I."

Invocation and the Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

\*Hymn # 35 "When Morning Gilds the Skies" st. 1-2, 5-6

#### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

O Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us as we make our confession. We grow lax in our discipline, and we disobey Christ. Our faith is flabby when put to the test; our courage. vanishes in the face of temptation. Our joints stiffen when we are called to act. We profess loyalty, while our bodies deny commitment. Have mercy upon us and forgive us.

Silent Prayers and Words of Assurance

\*Gloría Patri (#513) and Passing of the Peace

# WITNESS OF FAITH

Anthem "Follow Me / Take Up Thy Cross"

Greg Nelson / B. B. McKinney

# RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Offering

Offertory "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need" arr. Hal Hopson

\*Doxology (#515) and Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn # 264 "O Where Are Kings and Empires Now"

#### PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer

Scripture Reading

Mark 4:35-41

Meditation

"High Panic and Low Faith"

# PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

\*Hymn # 287 "Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face" stanzas 1,2,3

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

using Liturgy I

\*Hymn # 287 (stanzas 4,5)

\*Benediction

\*Choral Response "God Bless You and Keep You"

Jay Althouse

\*Postlude "Finale from Fourth Symphony" Charles M. Wido:

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Child Care during worship today: Kim or Steve Perry and Christy Rich. Next Sunday: Maxine Rich and Brian Rose.

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#### COMMUNION LITURGY H

We are now about to observe the ordinance of the Lord's Supper. This table of the Lord is open to all fellow Christians; and although none should partake of these sacred emblems impenitent or without faith in Christ, we cordially invite all who are sincerely seeking him to come to his table, in the assurance that he who came into the world to be the Savior of all will in no wise cast-them out.

Come to this sacred table, not because you must, but because you may; come to testify not that you are righteous, but that you sincerely love our Lord Jesus Christ, and desire to be his true disciples; come, not because you are strong, but because you are weak; not because you have any claim on heaven's rewards, but because in your frailty and sin you stand in constant need of heaven's mercy and help; come, not to express an opinion, but to seek a Presence and pray for a Spirit.

For by grace I received from the Lord that which I also delivered unto you.

WITH THOSE WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE US, WITH THOSE WHO ARE WITH US NOW, WITH THOSE WHO FOLLOW US, WE SHARE THIS MEAL.

that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread,

WE CONFESS OUR BETRAYALS, BUT COME AT YOUR IN-VITATION TO TAKE BREAD.

and when he had given thanks,

WE THANK YOU LORD, FOR YOUR BREAD.

he broke it, and said, "This is my body which is for you."

IT IS FOR US.

"Do this in remembrance of me."
WE REMEMBER.

In the same way also the cup, after supper. THANK YOU LORD, FOR THE CUP.

saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood.
IT IS YOUR BLOOD FOR US.

"Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

WE REMEMBER.

For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

IN THE EATING AND DRINKING WE REMEMBER YOUR DE AND YOUR PROMISE AND ARE ENABLED TO LIVE AGAIN AMEN.

(The bread is served to the people, servers, and minister.)

In remembrance of the death of Christ and of our redemption in Him, we break this bread as we say:

THIS BREAD WHICH WE BREAK IS THE COMMUNION OF THE BODY OF CHRIST.

(The cup is served to the people, servers, and minister.)

In grateful remembrance that the blood of Christ cleanses us from all sin, we affirm in unison:
THIS CUP WHICH WE DRINK IS THE COMMUNION OF THE BLOOD OF CHRIST.

(Unison Prayer after communing:)

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, WHO WAS DEAD AND IS AL FOREVERMORE: ABIDE WITH US IN RICH MEMORY, AS YOU STAYED IN THE HEARTS OF THE DISCIPLES WHO WALKED WYOU ALONG THE EMMAUS ROAD, AND WHO KNEW YOU IN THE BREAKING OF BREAD. MAY WE FEEL OUR HEARTS BURN WI IN US AT YOUR CONTINUING PRESENCE IN OUR LIVES, UN ALL GOOD AND TRUE AND HOLY THINGS ARE LOVELY TO US AND WE FIND NOTHING TO FEAR BUT THAT WHICH IS HATE IN YOUR SIGHT. LIFT US ABOVE ALL THAT IS SELFISH UNWORTHY, UNTIL WE GAIN WITH YOU THE FINAL VICTORY AND REJOICE WITH YOU IN YOUR KINGDOM. AMEN.

# \*Catch the Spirit

ALAMANCE COUNTY JULY 4th
FESTIVAL

# "DOWNHOME - DOWNTOWN"

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TO BE HELD ON

# THURSDAY, JULY 4, 1991 IN DOWNTOWN BURLINGTON

10 AM TO 10 PM \* PARADE AT 11 AM

LIVE COVERAGE BY WAAP -TV CHANNEL 16 A SALUTE CHILDREN'S AREA TO OUR TROOPS BEHIND DEPOT "RIDES "GAMES "PAINTING THE PARADE CONTESTS 'FACE PAINTING ICE CREAM PARTY SPECIAL ENTERTAINMENT FOOD ARTS CRAFTS ENTERTAINMENT WILLIE T AND THE REST AREA & MAGNIFICENTS AT SIDEWALK DINING CITY PARK AT 8:30



FIREWORKS SPONSORED BY TIME-NEWS IN COOPERATION WITH THE CITY OF BURLINGTON AT CITY PARK AT 9:30 PM

RAIN DATE IS SATURDAY JULY 6

# A VICTORIOUS 4TH--JOIN THE CELEBRATION !

THURSDAY, JULY 4TH IS GOING TO BE AN EXCITING DAIN DOWNTOWN BURLINGTON: A PARADE OF ANTIQUE CARSMANY FLOATS; ENTERTAINMENT; BANDS; A WELCOME TO ITROOPS CEREMONY; SPECIAL EVENTS; 34 CONCESSION BOOTHS OF FOOD AND CRAFTS; FUN FOR ALL AGES!!!

ONE OF THE CONCESSION BOOTHS WILL BE OURS AND WE WILL SELL POPCORN AND LEMONADE TO RAISE FUNDS FOR SOME OF OUR OUTREACH PROGRAMS. WE HAVE ONE OF THE CHOICEST LOCATIONS, UNDER THE OVERHANGING ROOF OPPOSITE THE AMPHITHEATER OUTSIDE THE DEPOT THIS PRIME SPOT WILL BE AT THE CENTER OF MANY OF THE ACTIVITIES, IN THE SHADE & UNDER COVER!

YOU, THE MEN, WOMEN AND YOUTH OF OUR CHURCH, CAN BECOME A PART OF THE EXCITEMENT BY VOLUNTEERING AN HOUR OF YOUR TIME TO HELP MAN THE BOOTH.

IF WE EACH SHARE A BIT OF THE LOAD, JOINING IN A CONCERTED CHURCH EFFORT, WE ARE IN A POSITION TO MAKE CONSIDERABLE PROFIT FOR OUR CHURCH PROGRAMS.

WE ALL MUST HELP--AND BEFORE OR AFTER YOUR TOUR OF DUTY, YOU CAN WANDER AND ENJOY THE FESTIVITIE LAST YEAR THERE WERE AN ESTIMATED 40,000 ATTENDE AND THIS YEAR IS EXPECTED TO BE GREATER BY FAR.

COME JOIN THE FUN--CALL GAYLAND WELBORN (584-285 OR JOHN KETCHAM (584-7225) TO SCHEDULE AN HOUR OYOUR TIME TO SERVE LEMONADE OR BAGS OF POPCORN WHILE GETTING BETTER ACQUAINTED WITH FELLOW CHURCH MEMBERS!

(RAIN DATE IS SATURDAY JULY 6)

ookies for the meeting of General Synod need to be brought o the church office by 1:00 p.m. on Monday, June 24th. ifty dozen cookies are needed.

he first July TORCH will be published a week early; please ave material for it in to the office by tomorrow morning.

#### WEEKLY CALENDAR

un., June	9:45 11:00		Men's Fellowship Breakfast Church School Worship Service Handbell Choir
ion., June	24 7:30	p•m•	Allied Churches of Alamance County Quarterly Meeting, New Mission UCC
Ved., June			Mother's Morning Out Choir Rehearsal at Betty Walker's home
hurs., Jun	e 27		GENERAL SYNOD begins in Norfolk, VA - through July 2
un., June	30 9:45 11:00 7:00 p	a.m.	Church School Worship Service Sermon: "If You Choose", Rev. Barry Raker preaching. Scripture: Luke 5:12-16 NO handbell choir practice.
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#### FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JUNE 23, 1991 Mark 4:40

It was calm the day I sailed the Galilee. Gulls flew by accepting scraps of bread. Tiberias fell away behind. Capernaum lay on the northern hills. Perhaps that is how it was on the evening when Jesus said, "Let us go across." Then the wind tore down the hills, scooping the water into fierce waves. "Teacher, do you not care if we perish?" He rebuked the wind, then asked his question, "Have you no faith?" Faith for what? Sailing a rough sea or a rough life? To find calm amid chaos, that is a gift of faith.

Rev. Carleton E. Gunn Pride's Corner Congregational Church Westbrook, ME

#### **TOWARD THE 21ST CENTURY**

Today ushers in a momentous week for the United Church of Christ. On Tuesday, we celebrate the thirty-fourth anniversary of the founding of our communion. On Thursday, the eighteenth biennial General Synod of the United Church of Christ convenes in Norfolk, Virginia.

The Synod will be a time when, building on our past, we prepare ourselves for the 1990's and the 21st Century. Our God will provide the vision and strength we need for the challenging days that lie ahead.

As many of you are aware, our church is in the midst of a major futuring process entitled "Toward the 21st Century." My travels these past two years have convinced me that we of the United Church of Christ are eager to reclaim the Gospel story in ways appropriate to the present time. We are eager to be a community of instruction and learning; a community of spiritual growth and mutual nurture; a community of personal regeneration and social transformation. Through God's grace, "Toward the 21st Century" can help implement that transformative view.

On this, our thirty-fourth birthday, let us thank God for great gifts given; seek God's guidance as we move forward in faith; and commit ourselves anew to be God's people in difficult but exciting times.

Paul H. Sherry President United Church of Christ



#### ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH United Church of Christ Elon College, North Carolina

Dr. John M. Irvine, Jr., Pastor Office Phone: 584-0 Rev. Beth Gassert Lyon, Associate Pastor Drs. William J. Andes and Alfred W. Hurst, Pastors Emer Mrs. Betty Walker, Organist and Choir Director Chris Causey and Meg Wilkins, Acolytes Today

June 30, 1991

6th Sunday after Pentecost

11:00 a

#### PRAISE OF GOD

Prelude

Marie Wilkins, Guest Organ

Welcome, Announcements, and Passing of Friendship Form

(Forms are in red folders at the inner end of downstairs pews and south end of balcony pews. Please pass them and all sign. Visitors, please add your address and telephone number if you live locally. After all have signed, kindly return the folder.)

# Responsive Call to Worship

- L. The earth and all that is in it belongs to God,
- P. For God has made the sea its foundation and made it firm upon the rivers of the deep.
- L. So let us rejoice in God and in all creation.
- P. We shall rejoice in the God of Hosts, the God of Glory!
- All: Lift up your heads, 0 gates!
  Lift them high, 0 everlasting doors!
  For the God of Glory shall enter
  and reign over us all!

Invocation and the Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

\*Hymn # 1

"Our God, Our Help In Ages Past"

#### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

- I. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- P. If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
  - L. Sisters and brothers, in the words of the psalmist, let us ask for the forgiveness we need.

Unison Prayer of Confession

Have mercy on us, 0 God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity, and cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, 0 God, and put a new and right spirit within us. Cast us not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation, and uphold us with a willing spirit. Amen.

Silent Prayers and Words of Assurance

\*Gloria Patri (#513) and Passing of the Peace

#### WITNESS OF FAITH

A Time With Children

# RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Offering

Offertory

\*Doxology (#515) and Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn # 230

"Immortal Love, Forever Full

#### PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer

Scripture Reading

Luke 5:12-1

Sermon

"If You Choose"

The Rev. Barry Rake

# PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

\*Hymn # 423 "Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God, in joyful celebration of our parents', Warren and Virginia Jeffreys', 50th wedding anniversary on June 28th, and in loving memory of our grandparents, Charles and Mae Jeffreys and Edward and Eula Goad, by Monty and Jimma Causey and family and Sidney and Sandra Oliver and family

Nursery today: Lou Harper. Next Sunday: Shirley Beyer.

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### WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun.,	June	30	9:45	a.m.	Church School
			11:00	a.m.	Worship Service
			3:00	p.m.	Brownie Scouts
				•	Bridging Ceremony
Tue.,	July	2	7:30	$p \cdot m$	Callahan Study III
					followed by Church
					Council meeting
Wed.,	July	3	9:00	a.m.	Mother's Morning Out
Sun.,	July	7	9:45	a.m.	Church School
	-		11:00	a.m.	Worship Service
					Rev. Beth Lyon preaching
					Scripture: Mark 6:1-6

## SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JUNE 30, 1991 2 Corinthians 8:7

In search of excellence, Tom Peters visited businesses all over the United States and discovered that excellence is an attitude. Paul knew that. The early churches were small and sprinkled around western Asia. Their faith in Christ and Paul's diligence at writing and travel bound them together. Those early Christians found the attitude of success within themselves. With their faith and Paul's diligence they succeeded. Excellence in faith, speech, knowledge, earnestness, and love overcame all the obstacles.

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#### NO PLACE TO GO

Veteran observers haven't seen anything like it since World War II. They refer to the number of refugees in the world today. But there the comparison ends.

Second World War refugees were displaced persons, mostly Europeans, mostly eager to get back home again. Today's refugees come from every continent. And many of them have no home to go back to. Wars and civil strife have turned their countries into killing fields. Millions of Afghans languish in Pakistan and Iran. Refugees from Mozambique wait in Malawi. Ethiopians take refuge in the Sudan, while Sudanese flee to Ethiopia. Vietnamese boat people huddle in Hong Kong. Tamils seek refuge from the civil war in Sri Lanka. Salvadorans fear to return to their Central American homeland.

Applications for asylum in the United States have risen with the tide of refugees. Fearful of being swamped with newcomers, the government has turned back refugees at our own borders.

But that is no solution to the refugee problem. We cannot close our doors or our minds to the needs of people with nowhere to go. And many church people don't. The United Church of Christ and its ecumenical partners support ministries of refugee assistance and resettlement at home and abroad.

Thanks to our gifts to Our Church's Wider Mission, we are present at refugee camps and processing offices overseas. We provide social and legal services to refugees in detention here in the United States. We sustain a network of refugee resettlement offices across this country. And we help churches sponsor refugee families in their own communities.



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Mrs. Betty Walker, Organist and Choir Director
Drew McLelland and Matthew Mayse, Acolytes Today

July 7, 1991 7th Sunday after Pentecost 11:00 a.

Prelude "Andante Cantabile" (Fourth Symphony)
Charles M. Widor

Welcome, Announcements, and Passing of Friendship Forms

Introit "Great Art Thou" Alice Jordan

Responsive Call to Worship

L. O come, let us sing to the Lord,

P. Let us sing a song of justice for this and every nation.

L. O come, let us sing to the Lord,

P. Let us sing a song of peace for this and every lan

L. O come, let us sing to the Lord,

P. Let us sing a song of love for this and every peop

All: O come, let us sing to the Lord, the God of all creation.

Invocation and the Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

\*Hymn # 12 "From All That Dwell Below the Skies"

Call to Confession

L. Let us confess our sin against God and each other.

Unison Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we know that you love us and that you call us to fullness of life, but around us and within us we see the brokenness of the world and of our ways. Our successes leave us empty; our progress does not satisfy. Our prosperous land is not the promised land of our longing. Forgive our willful neglect of your word, our insensitivity to the needs of others, and our failure to feed the spirit that is within us; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

Silent Prayers and Words of Assurance

\*Gloria Patri (#513) and Passing of the Peace

Anthem "O Jesus, Be Our Friend and Guide" arr. Hal Hopson

A Time With Children

Offering

Offertory "Meditation on 'St Andrew'" Joseph Barnby

\*Doxology (#515) and Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn # 391 vs. 1,3,&4 "Be Thou My Vision"

Litany for the Nation

- L. O Lord, who has given us the power to form our government,
- P. Help us choose leaders of good ability and sound character.
- L. From persons with a keener interest in mansions for themselves than homes for the poor,

Good Lord, deliver us. P.

From persons with a greater empathy for the dealers L. in oppression than the victims of exploitation,

Good Lord, deliver us. P.

From persons with a deeper fear of the prospects of L. change than the effects of injustice,

P. Good Lord, deliver us.

L. To persons with wills firm enough to persevere and considerate enough to be patient,

P. Good Lord, lead us.

L. To persons with minds tough enough to inspire and tender enough to be responsive,

Good Lord, lead us.

All: Help us, dear Lord, so to form our government that it shall fulfill the promise of liberty and justice for all.

Prayers of Intercession and Thanksgiving

Scripture Readings

Deuteronomy 10: 17-21

Hebrews 11: 8-16 Mark 12: 13-17

Sermon

The Rev. Beth Ly

\*Hymn # 202

"Jesus Shall Reign"

\*Benediction

\*Benediction Response "Go Forth In Joy" Alice Jordan

\*Postlude "Romance sans Paroles" Joseph Bonnet

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#### "OUR MEXICAN MISSION" DINNER

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Our speakers for the dinner will be Doug and Denise Long, formerly of Burlington, who served as Habitat for Humanity International partners in Mexico. They will give us insight about the work of the Habitat for Humanity in Mexico from their first-hand experiences. Any proceeds over expenses from our dinner will benefit the fund for the Puebla-Veracruz habitat project.

We plan to have a salad/potato bar dinner in our Parish House. Tickets will be \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children, 10 and younger. The tickets can be purchased each Sunday after church, or from the church office. The deadline to purchase your tickets will be Tuesday, July 16th.

We hope everyone will come to hear Doug and Denise talk about their interesting experiences while in Mexico. This promises to be a fun and educational dinner for the family.



Today's <u>altar flowers</u> are given to the glory of God, and in loving memory of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Sylvester and Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Edgerton by Howard and Page Edgerton.

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#### WEEKLY CALENDAR

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Wed.,	July	10	9:00 a.m. 7:30 p.m.	Mother's Morning Out Adult Choir Rehearsal
Thurs.,	July	11	7:00 p.m.	Personnel Committee
Sun.,	July	14	9:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 3:30 p.m.	Church School Worship Service Middle High Youth

### SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 7, 1991

Mark 6:2

You can go home again, but don't expect a parade. There's all that stuff they remember about you and your family. There's a Sunday School teacher who'll never forget you. Back down the road you may do mighty works, they may say great things about you, but that won't cut it at home. You have to know it isn't you, it's the situation. Home is where they have to take you in, but they don't have to honor you. Mighty works you may do, but they'll be done in Capernaum, not Nazareth.

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#### "MULTIPLY A MIRACLE"

United Church of Christ folks on Chicago's South Side have a new way of looking at the story of the loaves and fishes.

You don't know Chicago's South Side? Well, all you need to know now is that it has too many poor people and too little health care.

The United Church of Christ South Side Health Project was born in 1985 when area churches joined with the Chicago Metropolitan Association, Evangelical Health Systems, and Chicago Theological Seminary—all UCC-related institutions—to bring quality health care to needy people in the area.

They decided that outpatient ambulatory centers, staffed by a nurse practitioner and a physician, with referrals to local hospitals, were the best approach. And they decided that people would be charged on an ability-to-pay basis. Evangelical Health Systems pledged some financial support, the seminary some office space, and the project began to take shape.

The United Church Board for Homeland Ministries also made a contribution out of OCWM—Our Church's Wider Mission. But how much quality health care can \$3,500 buy? Not much if you spend

it to rent space or pay salaries.

But \$3,500 can buy a great deal of health service if you use it as "seed money." The UCBHM grant helped prime the pump. And with the help of Elmhurst College's development office, the funds came flowing in: over a million dollars from a wealthy private foundation. With that kind of gift, you really can rent space and pay salaries. Today the Kenwood Ambulatory Center is open, and two others are on the way.

Folks on the South Side nod their heads when they hear about the feeding of the five thousand: they saw small gifts multiplied

into a miracle. OCWM makes a big difference.

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July 14, 1991 8th Sunday after Pentecost 11:00 a.

Prelude "Adagio from 'Sonata No. 5'" Joseph Rheinber

Welcome, Announcements, and Passing of Friendship Form

Introit "Praise Ye the Lord" Phillip Young

Call to Worship

Invocation and the Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

\*Hymm # 227 "Fairest Lord Jesus"

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

We have promised to live as your people, God. Yet, we confess that we fail you and one another. We do not honor one another as we should. As the body of Chris we are often disjointed and clumsy. We do not work together as one to your glory. We refuse your cry for help in the voices of the poor and hungry. We have no been faithful to the trust you have placed in us. Merciful God, receive us as we are, and forgive us. Encourage us with your love that we may commit ourselves anew to live as those who belong to you; through the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Silent Prayers and Words of Assurance

\*Gloria Patri (#513) and Passing of the Peace

Anthem "Today, Tomorrow, and Every Day" Paul Sjolund

A Time With Children

Offering

Offertory "A Song of Faith" Carl F. Mueller

\*Doxology (#515) and Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn # 34 "Awake, Awake to Love and Work"

Collect

Scripture Readings Amos 7: 7-15

Ephesians 1: 1-10

Mark 6: 7-13

Sermon

The Rev. Beth Lyon

Prayers of Intercession (After each petition, the congregation may respond, "Hear our prayer.")

\*Hymn #295 "Christ for the World We Sing"

- \*Responsive Commission and Benediction
  - L. You are sent out with authority to proclain good news and overcome evil.
- P. God has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing.
  - L. Take nothing for your journey, but travel light, depending on God.
  - P. God goes with us in all we do and is present wherever we dwell.

- L. If people turn away from your witness, do not despair, but continue in ministry.
- P. We will shake the dust off our feet and announce again the grace of God.
- L. Amen.
- P. Amen.
- \*Benediction Response "As the Father Loves Me"

  Ralph Schultz
- \*Postlude "Tu Es Petra" Henry Mulet

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Wed., July 17	9:00 a.m.	Mother's Morning Out
Thur., July 18	6:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Mission Board Dinner Trustees
Sun., July 21		Church School Worship Service

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7:00 p.m. Bell Choir

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## **EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

JULY 14, 1991 Mark 6:8

God travels light in the world, free of the baggage we might bring. We pack for every contingency; you never know if it will be hot, or if it will rain, or if you'll be in an accident and need clean underwear for the hospital. We also carry in the baggage of our lives all the untidiness of our unfinished business. Jesus knew that if his disciples were going to be single-minded in their mission, they had to travel light. There's a valuable lesson there. Lighten the load of baggage you carry through the world.

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#### **CAPITAL PUNISHMENT**

What do the United States and Taiwan have in common? Capital punishment.

In our country, four United Church of Christ General Synods have voted against it; conferences have protested against it; churches have petitioned against it; and members have demonstrated against it. Still, the executions go on.

Ecumenical coalitions of churches and synagogues organize to oppose the death penalty.

Yet the executions go on. More and more.

In Taiwan, too, the number of death sentences mounts. And the list of capital crimes grows.

One hears the same reasons there as here. Rising crime rates. Public support for harsher sentences. Revenge.

And in Taiwan, too, religious groups say "no."

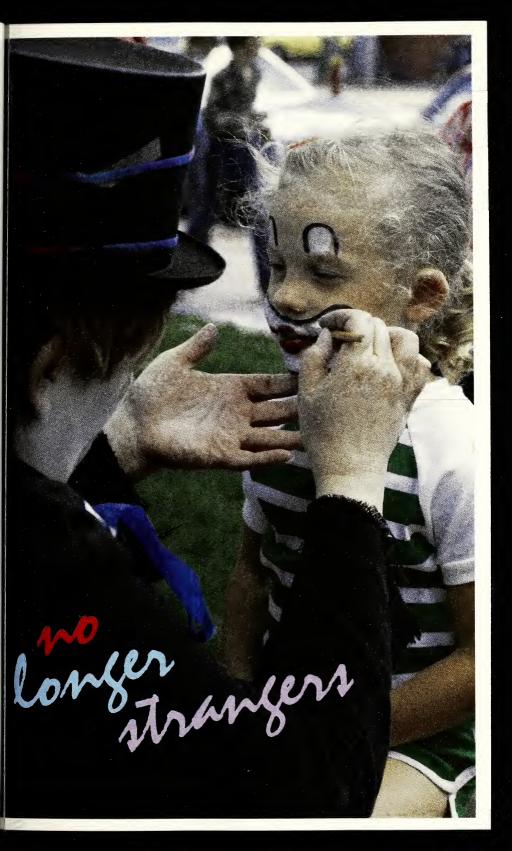
Our partner Presbyterian Church in Taiwan opposes the death penalty there. Protesting government policy in Taiwan can be costly, as many Presbyterian pastors have learned when they were imprisoned.

Still, along with Roman Catholics and Buddhists, as well as lawyers and scholars, the religious leaders continue to protest that capital punishment violates the United Nations' Human Rights Declaration.

As a Buddhist nun puts it, "Capital punishment deprives people

of life, and we believe that life is a gift from God."

With gifts to Our Church's Wider Mission, we support the churches' witness in opposition to capital punishment—both in the United States and in Taiwan.



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July 21, 1991 9th Sunday after Pentecost 11:00 a.m.

Prelude "Rhosymedre"

Ralph Vaughan William

Welcome, Announcements, and Passing of Friendship Forms

Introit

"Great Art Thou"

Alice Jorda

Responsive Call to Worship

L. We meet as human beings who are prone to sin.

P. Since Adam and Eve,
we have sinned in ever

we have sinned in every possible way.

L. We have also shown, in every generation,

a great capacity to compound one sin with another.

P. We therefore come before God as people who, despite our best intentions, desperately need divine forgiveness in Christ.

Invocation and the Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

\*Hymn # 32

"Awake, My Soul, and With the Sur

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

O God, how can we give up the sin that reshapes the world to our own advantage, or turn away from the lust that destroys all sense of value? We confess to evil selfishness and bloody hositility. We eat up people as if they were bread, and turn away from the healing waters of divine love as if they hold no worth for us. Forgive us, God. The pain of our corruption and depravity is too great to bear. Create in us a new humanity, reconciled by the cross of Christ. Amen.

Silent Prayers and Words of Assurance

Gloría Patri (#513) and Passing of the Peace

A Time With Children

Responsive Reading

Psalm 53, NRSV

- L. Fools say in their hearts, "There is no God."
- P. They are corrupt, they commit abominable acts; there is no one who does good.
- L. God looks down from heaven on humankind to see if there are any who are wise, who seek after God.
- P. They have all fallen away, they are all alike perverse,

there is no one who does good, no, not one.

- L. Have they no knowledge, these evildoers, who eat up my people as they eat bread, and do not call upon God?
- P. There they shall be in great terror, in terror such as has not been.
- L. For God will scatter the bones of the ungodly; they will be put to shame, for God has rejected them.
- P. O that deliverance for Israel would come from Zion! When God restores the fortunes of his people, Jacob will rejoice; Israel will be glad.

Anthem

"Upon the Rock of Faith"

Robert B. Reed

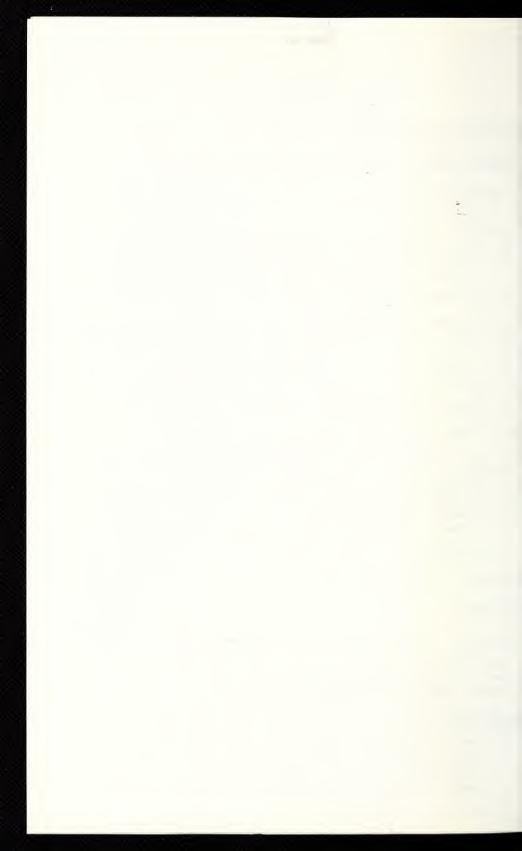
Offering

Offertory "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" arr. Herbert Colvin

Doxology (#515) and Prayer of Dedication

Hymn # 374

"In the Hour of Trial"



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hild Care during worship today: Louis Wilkins. ext Sunday: Jane McLelland and Brian Harper.

#### WEEKLY CALENDAR

un., July 21 9:45 a.m. Church School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
4:00 p.m. Special Church Council
Called Meeting
7:00 p.m. Bell Choir

Beth Lyon will begin a vacation week after worship today. he will be back in her office Monday evening, July 29th.)

ed., July 24 9:00 a.m. Mother's Morning Out 7:30 p.m. Choir Practice

un., July 28 HOMECOMING SUNDAY

9:45 a.m. Church School

11:00 a.m. Worship Service, followed by Homecoming Dinner in Parish

House.

7:00 p.m. No Bell Choir practice

# **NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

JULY 21, 1991 Ephesians 2:19

Old neighborhoods nurtured families. They held a sense of community that is hard to find today. No one remained a stranger. Natural nosiness brought about investigation and introductions as

new friendships blossomed. It is still good and necessary to find communities. Churches often provide a sense of community for those who would otherwise be strangers and sojourners. People bound together with Christ form Christian communities. Karl Barth says Jesus and two thieves formed the first one.

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#### NO LONGER STRANGERS

Almost two thousand years ago, an apostle brought comforting words to the Gentiles at Ephesus. "You remember what you were in the past.... You were foreigners, and did not belong to God's chosen people.... But now, in union with Christ Jesus, you who used to be far away have been brought near by the death of Christ." (Ephesians 2:11-13 GNB)

With his body, Christ had broken down the wall that separated human beings. But his so-called followers quickly reconstructed it. The history of Christ's church is a chronicle of ill will-even

hatred.

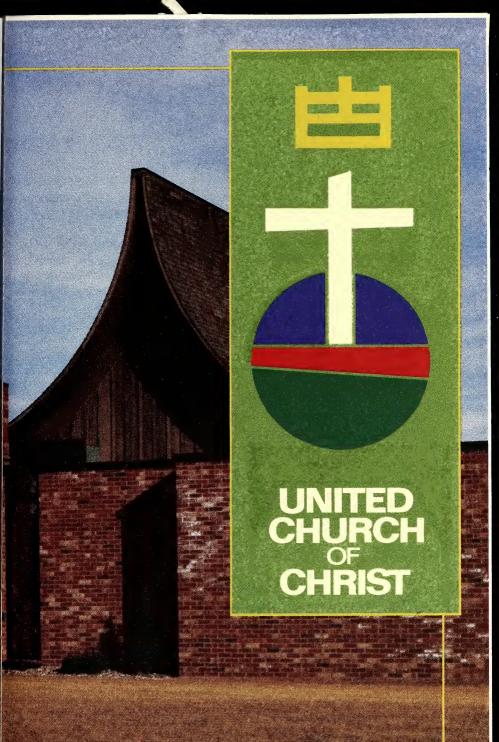
Our own forebears share responsibility for some recent chapters in that sorry story. New England Congregationalists referred to themselves as God's chosen people. No wonder they expelled Baptists and executed Quakers in their midst. Less secure, and hence less arrogant, our German Reformed ancestors kept steadfastly to themselves, erecting walls for defensive purposes.

Given that history, union of the Congregational Christian churches and Evangelical and Reformed Church can only be

counted a modern day miracle.

But the promise to the Ephesians was only partially redeemed in 1957. Many Hispanics and Asians, African American, Pacific Island, and Native American people have yet to feel that, by means of the cross, Jesus united them with the United Church of Christ.

It is up to every one of us to give renewed vitality to the apostle's words: "You are not foreigners or strangers any longer... . you are members of the family of God."



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July 28, 1991 10th Sunday after Pentecost 11:00 a.

Homecoming Sunday

### PRAISE OF GOD

Prelude "Jesus, Priceless Treasure" Johann G. Walth

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Introit "Now God Be Praised" Melchior Vulpiu

Responsive Call to Worship

- L. How lovely is your dwelling place, O God of hosts!
- P. My soul longs, yea, faints for your courts;
  my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.
- L. Even the sparrow finds a home,
   and the swallow a nest for herself,
   where she may lay her young, at your altars,
   O God of hosts, my ruler and God.
- P. Blessed are those who dwell in your house, ever singing your praise.
  Blessed are those whose strength is in you.

Invocation and the Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

Hymn # 8

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

We have promised to live as your people, God. Yet we confess that we fail you and one another. We do not honor one another as we should. As the body of Christ, we are often disjointed and clumsy. We do not work together as one to your glory. We refuse your cry for help in the voices of the poor and hungry. We have not been faithful in the trust you have placed in us.

Merciful God, receive us as we are, and forgive us. Encourage us with your love, that we may commit ourselves anew to live as those who belong to you; through the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Silent Prayers and Words of Assurance

Gloria Patri (#513) and Passing of the Peace

## WITNESS OF FAITH

A Time With Children

Anthem "A Song of Celebration"

Allen Pote

UCC Statement of Faith (Doxological Version)

We believe in you, 0 God, Eternal Spirit, God of our Savior Jesus Christ and our God, and to your deeds we testify:

You call the worlds into being, create persons in your own image, and set before each one the ways of life and death.

You seek in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin.

You judge people and nations by your righteous will declared through prophets and apostles.

In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Savior, you have come to us and shared our common lot, conquering sin and death and reconciling the world to yourself.

You bestow upon us your Holy Spirit, creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ, binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues, and races.

You call us into your church
to accept the cost and joy of discipleship,
to be your servants in the service of others,
to proclaim the gospel to all the world
and resist the powers of evil,
to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table
to join him in his passion and victory.

You promise to all who trust you forgiveness of sin and fullness of grace, courage in the struggle for justice and peace, your presence in trial and rejoicing, and eternal life in your realm which has no end.

Blessing and honor, glory and power, be unto you. Amen.

# RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Offering

Offertory "Prelude on Amazing Grace" Gordon Young

\*Doxology (#515) and Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn # 404

"Take My Life, and Let It Be"

(Children second grade and younger have the option of leaving for child care downstairs during the last stanza)

Prayer

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Scripture Reading (Responsively)

Psalm 16

- L. Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.
   I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord;
   I have no good apart from you."
- P. As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble, in whom is all my delight.
- L. Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows; their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names upon my lips.
- P. The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot. The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; I have a goodly heritage.
- L. I bless the Lord who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me. I keep the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.
- P. Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure. For you do not give me up to Sheol, or let your faithful one see the Pit.
- L. You show me the path of life.
  In your presence there is fullness of joy;
  in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Sermon

"The Place Just Right"

# PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

\*Hymn # 62

"God Be With You Till We Meet Again"

\*Benediction and Blessing for the Homecoming Meal

\*Benediction Response

"Benediction"

Gene Grie

\*Postlude

"In God My Faithful God"

George Böl

Welcome to our Homecoming guests! You are all invited to the Parish House for the luncheon after worship.

Renovations to our sanctuary will begin August 3rd. The color scheme needs to be chosen right away. Please examine the three color schemes, make out a ballot for your vote, and drop it in the ballot box before leaving.



Vacation Church School will be held August 3-9, from 9 a.m. to noon. There will be classes for children 3 years of up through those who have completed 6th grade on the theme "Share God's Blessings." To register, please call the church office.

Altar Flowers today are given to the glory of God by Bill and Betty Blanchard.

Nursery today: Cile Welborn. Next Sunday: Ellie Ketcham.

Child Care during worship today: Jane McLelland and Brian Harper.

Articles for the next issue of <u>The Torch</u> are due in the church office tomorrow morning.

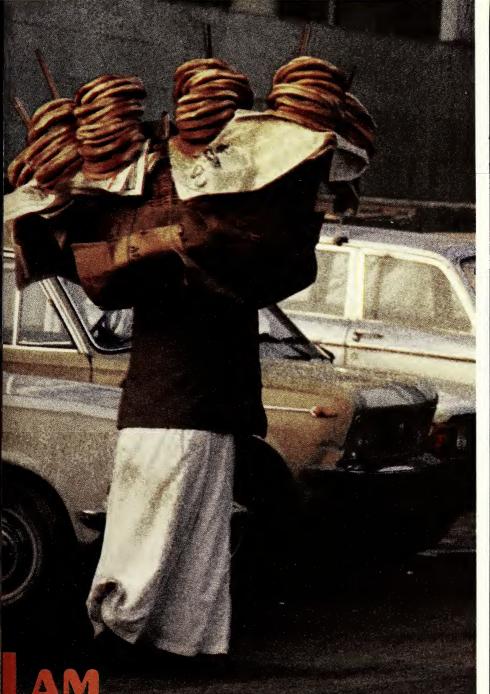
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#### WEEKLY CALENDAR

9:45 a.m. Church School in., July 28 11:00 a.m. Worship Service Homecoming Dinner Dr. and Mrs. Irvine will be away until Wednesday vening on a brief vacation visit to Wilmington) Mother's Morning Out ed., July 31 9:00 a.m. 7:30 p.m. Choir Practice Callahan study # 4; hurs., Aug. 1 7:30 p.m. Church Council and others 9:45 a.m. Church School un., August 4 11:00 a.m. Worship Service, including the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper 7:00 p.m. Bell Choir practice

on., August 5 9:00 a.m. Vacation Church School begins

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## ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH United Church of Christ Elon College, North Carolina

Dr. John M. Irvine, Jr., Pastor Office Phone: 584-039 Rev. Beth Gassert Lyon, Associate Pastor Drs. William J. Andes and Alfred W. Hurst, Pastors Emerit

Mrs. Betty Walker, Organist and Choir Director Crystal Bradley and Elizabeth Mayse, Acolytes Today John Barbee, Liturgist Today

August 4, 1991 11th Sunday after Pentecost 11:00 a.

## PRAISE OF GOD

"My Faith Has Found a Resting Place" Prelude arr. Herbert Colv

Welcome, Announcements, and Passing of Friendship Forms

(Forms are in red folders at the inner end of the downstairs pews and stairwell end of balcony pews. Please pass them and all sign. Visitors, kindly add your address (and phone number if you live locally). When all have signed, please return the folder to its original location. Thank you!)

"Spirit of the Living God" Daniel Ivers Introit

Responsive Call to Worship

- As God gave the children of Israel manna to satisf their hunger in the desert,
- So God has given us bread from heaven P • that is life to the world.
- Jesus called himself the bread of heaven that satisfies the hunger of all who come to him.
- We give thanks and praise to God for the P. spiritual sustenance most graciously given from above.

Invocation and the Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

God of mercy, I confess that I often starve myself spiritually because of my own failure to believe in you or your grace in Christ, and that my life is spiritually malnourished as a result. Forgive me my unbelief, O God. Open me up to receive the divine sustenance you have given me in the Bread of Life, Jesus my Lord. Amen.

Silent Prayers and Words of Assurance

\*Gloria Patri (#513) and Passing of the Peace

### WITNESS OF FAITH

Anthem "Savior, Like a Shepherd-Medley" arr. Don Marsh

## RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Installation of Vacation Church School staff members (See liturgy on yellow insert)

Offering

Offertory

"A Song of Love" Carl E. Mueller

\*Doxology (#515) and Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn # 80

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

(Children second grade and younger have the option of leaving for child care downstairs during the last stanza) Prayer

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Scripture Reading

John 6:24-3

Meditation

"Bread That Lasts

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper using Liturgy

## PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

\*Hymn # 254

"Break Thou the Bread of Life

\*Benediction

\*Benediction Response "God Bless You and Keep You" Jay Althous

"Allegro" from Sonata in C Minor \*Postlude

Alexandre Guilman

Renovations to our sanctuary will begin tomorrow. The red color scheme was voted by a clear majority of the members attending last Sunday and samples are available in the Narthex for you to see the colors chosen. We expect to be able to worship in our sanctuary each Sunday during the renovations.

Vacation Church School will be held each weekday this week from 9 a.m. to noon. There will be classes for children 3 years old up through those who have completed 6th grade on the theme "Share God's Blessings." To register, please call the church office.

Softball Practice time--the Area Men's Fellowship UCC Softball Tournament will be August 5-10 and we will be fielding a team. Players are needed! Call Bill Blanchar (584-7915) or come to the first and only practice session at 4:00 today at the college softball field across from the old high school gym.

<sup>\*</sup> The congregation may stand at these points.

#### INSTALLATION OF VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL STAFF MEMBERS

Introduction

## Senior Pastor, to all VCS staff members:

God has called you by name and blessed you beyond measure. We now call you to share your blessings in our Christian community. Will you seek to nurture and strengthen your students in their Christian calling, being sensitive to each child's needs and concerns?

#### All VCS staff members:

We promise to treat each student as God's special child, entrusted to us to teach and to love.

#### Associate Pastor:

God has blessed each of us with gifts and talents to use as we live each day as Jesus' disciples. Will you seek to help the learners discover and use their gifts in lives of discipleship?

#### Staff members:

We promise to encourage our students to rejoice in their blessings from God, and to live as blessings to others.

## Associate Pastor, to congregation:

Do you promise to support the work of these Vacation Church School teachers and pray for God's guidance in their work?

## Congregation:

We joyfully encourage them and will support them in whatever ways we are able.

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#### INSTALLATION (continued)

#### Associate Pastor to students:

Students, these people have chosen to share Vacation Church School with you. Do you promise to share your time, your cooperation, and your enthusiasm with them as well?

### Students:

Yes, we will, and we thank God for our teachers.

### Senior Pastor:

May God guide you in your teaching and learning, inspiring in you a richer understanding of how we are blessed to be a blessing. Let us pray.

#### Unison Prayer

Lord God, we thank you for blessing us in so many ways. Empower us to be your faithful children, instructed by your Word. Help us proclaim your way to all people as we share your blessings in our lives. Be present in our Vacation Church School and lead all who teach and learn. Bless now these teachers, helpers, and students so that together they may grow as faithful disciples. Amen.

# Senior Pastor:

God in peace and serve the Lord.

## A11:

Thanks be to God

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## COMMUNION LITURGY F

#### NOITATION

MMUNION PRAYER:

e Lord be with you. And also with you.

ft up your hearts! We lift them to the Lord.

t us give thanks to the Lord our God. For it is holy and right to do so!

ly and right it is, and our joyful duty to give thanks you at all times and in all places, 0 Lord our Creator, mighty and everlasting God! You created heaven with all s hosts and the earth with all its plenty. You have ven us life and being, and preserve us by your providence. t you have shown us the fullness of your love in sending to the world your Son, Jesus Christ, the eternal Word, de flesh for us and for our salvation. For the precious ft of this mighty Savior who has reconciled us to you we aise and bless you, 0 God. With your whole Church on rth and with all the company of heaven we worship and ore your glorious name.

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts! Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he that comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

st righteous God, we remember in this Supper the perfect rifice offered once on the cross by our Lord Jesus Christ the sin of the whole world.

In the joy of his resurrection and in expectation of his coming again, we offer ourselves to you as holy and living sacrifices. Send your Holy Spirit upon us, we may, that the bread which we break and the cup which we bless may be to us the communion of the body and cloud of Christ. Grant that, being joined together in him, we may attain to the unity of the faith, and row up in all things into Christ our Lord.

And as this grain has been gathered from many fields into one loaf, and these grapes from many hills into one cup grant, O Lord, that your whole Church may soon be gather from the ends of the earth into your kingdom. Even so, come, Lord Jesus!

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THANKSGIVING AFTER COMMUNION:

Sisters and brothers, since the Lord has fed us at his Table, let us praise God's holy name with heartfelt thanksgiving!

Bless the Lord, 0 my soul; and all that is within me, bless his holy name! Bless the Lord, 0 my soul, and forget not all his benefits,

who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,

who redeems your life from the Pit,

who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy.

The Lord is merciful and gracious,

slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor requite us according to our iniquities.

For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear

as far as the east is from the west,

so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

As a father pities his children, so the Lord pities those who fear him.

Who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us a

and will also give us all things with him.

Therefore shall my mouth and heart show forth the pra of the Lord, from this time forth forevermore. Amen Itar Flowers today are given to the glory of God in onor of all children of our church in school from day are through college by Mr. and Mrs. Jim Griswold, Mr. and irs. Eddie Oliver, and Olga Marie Griswold.

iecond Quarter Financial Statements are available in the larthex. Please pick yours up and save us postage.

Jursery today: Ellie Ketcham.

child Care during worship today: Beth Lyon.

#### WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun.,	August	4	9:45 a.m.	Church School
			11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
ion.,	August	5	9-12:00.	Vacation Church School
ſue.,	August	6		Vacation Church School Parsonage Meeting for Deacon's groups of Shirley Beyer & Cary Matlock
√ed.,	August	7	9:00 a.m.	Vacation Church School Mother's Morning Out Choir Practice
ſhu.,	August	8		Vacation Church School Board of Deacons
Fri.,	August	9	912:00.	Vacation Church School
Sat.,	August	10		Annual BBQ dinner at Haw River Christian Church to support the UCC District Men's Fellowship Scholarship Fund
Sun.,	August			Church School Worship Service

7:00 p.m. Bell Choir practice

# **ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

AUGUST 4, 1991

John 6:35

Bread is basic. Water is basic. Jesus said, "I am basic. I am the bread of life; whoever drinks of the water I give will never thirst." We can be sustained by bread and water. We are also sustained by Jesus' words. They are spiritual food for the soul. We are people who hunger and thirst for something more than fast food and empty calories. We need basic food: physical and spiritual.

Rev. Carleton E. Gunn Pride's Corner Congregational Church Westbrook, ME

#### **NIGHTWATCH**

When they see a homeless person coming toward them on the sidewalk, hand outstretched for "spare change," many people

quicken their pace and look the other way.

Not Rev. Gary Vaughan, a UCC minister, and the sixty volunteers in "Operation Nightwatch." Walking fast, you miss an opportunity for an encounter. "What we want to do is discover who people are," says Gary. "Somehow, when there's a humanity that's freely

given, like grace, it does something to you."

Three nights each week, the Street Ministers move through downtown Portland, Oregon, seeking opportunities for conversation and connection with people in need. Operation Nightwatch volunteers also operate a hospitality center for their "street friends." Inside, there are coffee and snacks, books and games, and sometimes even a movie to help fill the lonely night.

"Gary makes a connection that few people make," says Central Pacific Conference Minister Don Sevetson, "and he has been able to help other church people make connections there as well."

Few of us can volunteer to join Gary Vaughan and "Operation Nightwatch." But in spirit we can be with the Street Ministers in Portland, Spokane, Tacoma, Seattle, and wherever a Christian presence brings light into the urban darkness.

This program, and others like it, relies on the financial resources of individuals, local churches, and Our Church's Wider Mission for support. With our gifts to OCWM we help others to reach out to

the mean streets in our behalf.



Be angry, but do not let the sun go down on your anger

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Drs. William J. Andes and Alfred W. Hurst, Pastors Emeri Mrs. Betty Walker, Organist and Choir Director Crystal Bradley and Elizabeth Mayse, Acolytes Today

August 11, 1991 12th Sunday after Pentecost 11:00 a.

## PRAISE OF GOD

"Prelude on Holy Manna" Alec Wyton Prelude

Welcome, Announcements, and Passing of Friendship Forms

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"Jesus, Be Present Now" Introit

Dave Per

Call to Worship, Invocation and the Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses"

\*Hymn # 251

"Holy! Holy! Holy!

#### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Litany

- L. Look at our feet, Lord. Lives have been crushed to the ground, and we have trampled upon them. They have been spilt like water upon the ground, and we have stepped over them.
- P. The Spirit sees, and hard the Spirit grieves; from side to side she rocks in torment.
- L. Look at our eyes, Lord. Lives have been banished to the shadows, and we have looked away from them. They have stretched their hands from the shadows, and we have brushed past them.
- P. The Spirit sees, and hard the Spirit grieves; from side to side she rocks in torment.
- L. Shall we lock our door before the outcast?
- P. Let us open the door <u>before</u> they knock, that the Spirit might find her consolation!
- L. Shall we hammer our nail into their tree?
- P. Let us tear down the cross before they plead, that the Spirit might rejoice.
- L. When they hunger for bread, let us not throw them a stone,
- P. But offer our bodies, that all might have life.
- L. When they thirst for water, let us not pour out vinegar,
- P. But offer ourselves, that all might have breath.
- All: O Sorrow, where is your victory? O Grief, where is your sting? For our feet are light on their missions of mercy, and our eyes are fast on the purposes of love.

\*Gloria Patri (#513) and Passing of the Peace

## WITNESS OF FAITH

A Time With Children

"They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love" Anthem arr. John F. Wils

## RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Offering

Offertory

"Mercy"

Van Denman Thomps

\*Doxology (#515) and Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn # 416

"Christian, Rise and Act Thy Cree

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#### PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Scripture Reading

Ephesians 4:25 - 5

Sermon

"Religion in the Common Thing

# PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

\*Hymn # 396

"Fill Thou My Life, O Lord My Go

\*Benediction

\*Choral Response

"Father, Give Thy Benediction

\*Postlude "Carillon de Westminster"

Louis Vier

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Itar Flowers today are given to the glory of God by Jackie and Bill Pendergrass.

ORCH articles are due in the office Monday morning.

second Quarter Financial Statements are available in the larthex. Please pick yours up and save us postage.

lursery today: Lou Harper.

Child Care during worship today: Sue Brown and Brian Harper. Next Sunday: Ann Acquilano and Amy Rose.

#### WEEKLY CALENDAR

un., August 11 9:45 a.m. Church School

11:00 a.m. Worship Service

7:00 p.m. Bell Choir practice

ion., August 12 7:00 p.m. Personnel Committee

led., August 14 9:00 a.m. Mother's Morning Out

'hu., August 15 7:30 p.m. Board of Trustees

Sun., August 18 9:45 a.m. Church School

11:00 a.m. Worship Service

7:00 p.m. Bell Choir practice

# TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 11, 1991

Ephesians 4:26

Anger is like hot ice. A good "mad" can be a satisfyingly selfish delight. When our anger flashes, we are like a two-year-old again, expressing raw feeling. Quick, righteous anger unburdens the soul. Anger that turns inward becomes a cold, gooey lump like yesterday's oatmeal, making us vulnerable to pitying self-indulgence. My mother used to say, "Never go to bed mad." She was right. Own your anger, but do not let it rule your life. Get it out, give it over to God, then speak the truth in love.

Rev. Carleton E. Gunn Pride's Corner Congregational Church Westbrook, ME

#### CARIBBEAN CHRISTIANS

Glossy magazine advertisements for the Caribbean tempt us with images of palm-fringed beaches, deserted except for a caucasian couple lounging on the pristine white sand. It's as if the islands of the West Indies were uninhabited.

Jamaica, which every travel agent knows for its picturesque Montego Bay, is no deserted Caribbean isle. Beyond the tourist compounds live over two million Jamaicans. Yet, for most of these people, their lives are as remote from the beachfront hotels and cabanas as if they didn't exist. Unlike their North American and European visitors, most Jamaicans are poor and black.

That includes the 18,000 adult members in the 160 congregations of our partner church. The United Church of Jamaica and Grand Cayman is a vigorous and influential denomination formed from a merger of the Congregational, Presbyterian, and Christian (Disciples of Christ) churches of the islands.

The United Church of Jamaica and Grand Cayman serves the needs of its members and their compatriots in many ways, including the Mel Nathan Institute for Development and Social Research, a community counseling center, and the Mt. Olivet Boys Home, a residential facility for orphans.

Since 1987, Edith N. Harris-Bernard, an American missionary educator, has helped develop and administer social service programs provided by the United Church of Jamaica and Grand

Cayman.

We support the ministries of this partner church in the Caribbean with gifts to Our Church's Wider Mission.

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Drs. William J. Andes and Alfred W. Hurst, Pastors Emeric Mrs. Betty Walker, Organist and Choir Director Vega Herold and Lydia Troxler, Acolytes Today Brian Rose, Liturgist Today

August 18, 1991 13th Sunday after Pentecost 11:00 a.

## PRAISE OF GOD

Prelude "Prelude on <u>Festal Song</u>" Seth Bingham

Welcome, Announcements, and Passing of Friendship Forms

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Introit

"This Is The Day"

Johann Krug

Responsive Call to Worship

- L. Rejoice, for God is among us.
- P. Give thanks, for in Christ we are a new people.

  The dividing walls are broken down by Christ.
- L. Sing praise, for we come to worship God.
- P. Through Christ we have an open way to God; we worship in the name of Christ. Amen!

Invocation and the Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses"

\*Hymn # 68 "I Sing The Mighty Power of God"

#### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Forgive us, 0 God, who place our trust in the things that are seen and felt, bought and sold, served up to us on the silver platters of advertising. Forgive us, 0 God, who are so dull of spirit that we cannot recognize that You are present in mystery all around us, and who live as if You are of no account. Grant us this day the inward sight to behold your truth, and draw us from our sinful addictions to all that is less than You; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silent Prayers and Words of Assurance

\*Gloria Patri (#513) and Passing of the Peace

## WITNESS OF FAITH

A Time With Children

Anthem "For the Beauty of the Earth" John Rutter

## RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Offering

Offertory "Volksleid"

"Volksleid" W. Wolstenholme

\*Doxology (#515) and Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn # 353 "Lord, I Want To Be a Christian"

(Children second grade and younger have the option of leaving for child care downstairs during the last stanza)

#### PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Introduction of Guest Preacher

Dr. Earl Danieley

Scripture Reading

Mark 9:30-37

Sermon

"How To Be The Greatest" The Rev. Jim Snow III

Prayer

## PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

\*Hymn # 412

"O Master Workman of the Race"

\*Benediction

\*Choral Response "O May The Peace of God" Natalie Sleet

\*Postlude

"Grand Choeur" William R. Spence

We welcome to our pulpit as our guest preacher today the Rev. Jim Snow III, pastor of Scott Memorial United Methodist Church in Virginia Beach, VA. He is a graduate of Elon College in the class of 1974. He played on the football team.

Our Senior pastor is on vacation August 14-20. The Deacon in care for emergency pastoral needs is Shirley Beyer (office 228-1720; home 584-6911).

Altar Flowers today are given to the glory of God in honor of their children and grandchildren by Mr. and Mrs. Warren Jeffries.

Second Quarter Financial Statements are available in the Narthex. Please pick yours up and save us postage.

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Nursery today: Lou Harper.

canceled.

Child Care during worship today: Ann Acquilano and Amy Rose. Next Sunday: Carolyn Messick and Rob Woody.

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun., August 18 9:45 a.m. Church School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
4:00 p.m. Parents of Middle Highs
7:00 p.m. Bell Choir practice

Wed., August 21 9:00 a.m. Mother's Morning Out

Thu., August 22 7:00 p.m. Board of Missions

Sun., August 25 9:45 a.m. Church School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service

Sermon: "Bless You!"

12:15 p.m. Discover Fellowship

5:30 p.m. YETS students and parents' pot-luck supper, Seekers' classroom

The meeting of the Church Council on the originally scheduled date of Thursday, August 29th, has been

## THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 18, 1991

Ephesians 5:16-17

Is there a more benign tormentor than a clock? It relentlessly measures out the seconds of our lives, either racing ahead when we are pressed to complete a task, or dragging along when we wish time would pass. The rhythms of our lives are too often out of sync. Making the most of time is one of the supreme challenges of humanity. Time doesn't change; it moves at the same pace year in, year out. We need the wisdom to make time our ally, bringing the rhythms of our lives in sync with the rhythms of life.

Rev. Carleton E. Gunn Pride's Corner Congregational Church Westbrook, ME

#### **UPLANDS**

The beauty and peace of the countryside there should make its residents forget the rest of the world.

But the folks at Uplands, the retirement village on the Cumberland Plateau in Tennessee, are anything but insulated. At the adjacent Pleasant Hill Community United Church of Christ, where they worship, giving to the wider mission of the church

represents more than half of the entire congregational budget!

Why is Uplands so special?

The community originally gathered around a school. A hundred years ago, a mother's plea to the American Missionary Association brought a teacher for the mountain children. As the faculty at Pleasant Hill Academy grew, they organized a church. A half century later, a hospital opened in Pleasant Hill. In 1957 a nursing home was dedicated. Around it has grown the Uplands

Retirement Village.

From the beginning, mission to the Cumberlands created an environment that attracted a special kind of person to the area. That tradition continues in the retirement community today. Many of the residents dedicated their careers to Christian mission, serving overseas in every corner of the globe. Altogether, they speak twenty-six languages or dialects. At Uplands, they find neighbors with similar interests and commitments. And there is opportunity for mission. Residents sell surplus produce from their common garden to benefit the Hunger Action Fund. They volunteer their time in community service. And they give generously from their modest means to support Our Church's Wider Mission.

We give thanks for the folks at Uplands, who remind us from their hilltop home that retirement does not mean withdrawal from the world.



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August 25, 1991 14th Sunday after Pentecost 11:00 a.m

#### PRAISE OF GOD

Prelude

"Adoration"

Richard Purvi

Welcome, Announcements, and Passing of Friendship Forms

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Introit

"Great Art Thou"

Alice Jorda

Responsive Call to Worship

- L. Come to the One who grants us eternal life; gather in the name of Christ, who offers bread.
- P. God has made with us an everlasting covenant and prospered us in all the works of our hands.
- L. Let us praise God, all people of faith, for God has richly blessed us in all things.
- P. God's ways are known in all the earth, God's saving power among all nations.
- L. God dawns on us like the morning light, like sun flowing forth on a cloudless morning.
- P. God sends the rain that waters the earth; God rules justly over all creation.



Invocation and the Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

\*Hymn # 228

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

O God, redeem us, for we stand in need of forgiveness. We squander your mercy when we abuse your creation. We slander our neighbors and seek not your peace. Those without work find no hope of relief. The homeless wander without protection from harm. Christ had compassion on all those who suffered. Cleanse us of the sin that closes our hearts to our brothers and sisters.

Silent Prayers and Words of Assurance

\*Gloria Patri (#513) and Passing of the Peace

## WITNESS OF FAITH

A Time With Children

Anthem

"Seek Ye The Lord" Tom Conally, Soloist

J. V. Roberts

RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Offering

Offertory

"Jesus, Priceless Treasure" J. S. Bach

\*Doxology (#515) and Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn # 290

"Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts

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## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer

Scripture Reading

II Samuel 23:1-17; Psalm 6

Sermon

"Bless You!"

## PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

\*Hymn # 254

"Break Thou the Bread of Life

\*Benediction

\*Choral Response

"Go Forth In Joy" Alice Jorda

\*Postlude

"Thanksgiving" Richard Purvi

Altar Flowers today are given by Dr. and Mrs. W. J. Andes to the glory of God and in loving memory of Lieutenant Roy H. Andes, killed in service in 1943.

Nursery today: Kay Hensley. Next Sunday: Lou Harper.

Child Care during worship today: Carolyn Messick and Rob Woody. Next Sunday: Kim Perry and Brian Rose.

<sup>\*</sup> The congregation may stand at these points.

#### WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun.,	August 25	9:45	a.m.	Church School
		11:00	a.m.	Worship Service
		12:00	noon	Board of Trustees
		5:30	p.m.	YETS Pot Luck Supper
		6:00	p.m.	Picnic honoring Scout
				Leaders at the Covingtons'
		7:00	$p \cdot m \cdot$	Bell Choir practice
Jed.,	August 28	9:00	a.m.	Mother's Morning Out
		7:30	p.m.	Choir Practice
'hu•,	August 29	7:00	p•m•	Informal Gathering of
				Women at Dorcas Lohr's
un.,	Sept. 1	9:45	a.m.	Church School
	-	11:00	a.m.	Worship Service
				Sermon: "Cleft to the Heart"
		12:15	p.m.	Discover Fellowship
		2:00	p.m.	Church School Teachers Meeting
		7:00	p.m.	Bell Choir Practice

The meeting of the Church Council on the originally scheduled date of Thursday, August 29th, has been canceled.

#### FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 25, 1991

Sometimes there is just no place else to turn. You've used up all your options, burned all your bridges, you have to go on faith. Jesus' disciples had given up everything to be with him, but his "hard sayings" caused many to turn away. He put it to the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" Peter blurted out one of his cogent confessions, "To whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life; you are the Holy One of God." To whom would you go?

Rev. Carleton E. Gunn Pride's Corner Congregational Church Westbrook, ME

#### **EDUCATIONAL REFORM IN THE UCC**

The Protestant Reformers of the sixteenth century expected the Reformation to create a new Christianity by developing a well-educated laity. Continual study of the Bible, and its application to life, were the fundamental methods of this objective. Until recently, that commitment was explored and expanded by each generation of Christians, including leaders of the United Church of Christ and its predecessor denominations.

Then the movement lost momentum. Distress about the educational ministry of the church became evident. Critics charged that education in the church had become ineffective. Many people complained that educational resources produced by the United Church of Christ did not fit any coherent or discernible pattern.

In the spring of 1985, the directors of the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries engaged in debate about the future of education in the church. The discussion resulted in a new mission statement for the Board which emphasized the importance of education. Then the directors gave the staff a tremendously difficult but exciting assignment: radical reform of education in the United Church of Christ. Listening carefully to what UCC members were saying, our staff evolved a document entitled, *Plan of Work for the Educational Mission of the United Church of Christ*, intended to stimulate discussion, dreaming, and planning for educational reform.

Behind this *Plan of Work* lies the conviction that educational reform is absolutely essential, and that new strength and vitality for the United Church of Christ will follow from it. I urge you and your congregation to read and discuss this plan. Your gifts to Our Church's Wider Mission helped make it possible.

Charles Shelby Rooks
Executive Vice President
United Church Board of Homeland Ministries

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September 1, 1991-15th Sunday after Pentecost-11:00 a.m.

## PRAISE OF GOD

Prelude "Pastorale" from First Symphony Louis Vierne

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Introit "The Lord is in His Holy Temple" George F. Roo

# Responsive Call to Worship

- L. O come, let us praise the Lord, who seeks a place for every worker under heaven-
- P. A place for labor, and a place for leisure.
- L. 0 come, let us praise the Lord, who seeks a place for every worker under heaven—
- P. A place for self, and a place for service.
- L. 0 come, let us praise the Lord, who seeks a place for every worker under heaven—
- P. A place for planning, and a place for prayer.
- L. O come, let us praise the Lord, the God of all workers in every place!

Invocation and the Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses"



## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

God of strength and might, we confess our neglect of salvation's armor. We have not girded our loins with truth. The breastplate of righteousness is tarnished by our lax behavior. Our feet are caked with mud from battles fought unshod by the gospel of peace. We have laid aside the shield of faith, and weakened our defense in a hostile world. Help us once again to don the helmet of salvation, and to raise the sword of the word against the powers that oppose you, so that in all our struggles we may rely solely on your strength. We pray in the name of the perfectly armored one, Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Silent Prayers and Words of Assurance

\*Gloria Patri (#513) and Passing of the Peace

# WITNESS OF FAITH

A Time With Children

"Beautiful Savior"

Arr. Tom Fettke

## RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Offering

Anthem

Offertory "Jesus, Priceless Treasure" J. S. Bach

\*Doxology (#515) and Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn # 242

"Holy Spirit, Truth Divine

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#### PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer

Scripture Reading

Ephesians 6:10-20 Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Sermon

"Cleft To The Heart'

## PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

\*Hymn # 384

"Soldiers of Christ, Arise

\*Benediction

\*Choral Response

"God Be With You"

David Lant:

\*Postlude "Finale" from First Symphony Louis Vierne

<sup>\*</sup> The congregation may stand at these points.

orship. This will be the first meeting of the school year or the Discover Fellowship and all students are welcome. his Sunday the meeting will be held in the Youth Room, ocated behind the chancel end of the sanctuary, on the ame level (turn right when you reach the farthest back allway).

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#### WEEKLY CALENDAR

9:45 a.m. Church School

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	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	12:15 p.m.	Discover Fellowship
		Church School Teachers meeting
		Staff meeting
		Bell Choir practice
lon., Sept. 2		CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
led., Sept. 3	9:00 a.m.	Mother's Morning Out
		Choir practice
hurs., Sept. 4	7:30 p.m.	Callahan Study # 4
un., Sept. 8	9:45 a.m.	Church School
		Worship Service (Student Sunday)
1		followed by Pot-Luck Dinner
	7:00 p·m•	Bell Choir practice

our church secretary, Roberta Starr, will be on vacation this coming week. She will return to the office on

# FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 1, 1991

Ephesians 6:11

God does not leave us defenseless against the storms and trials of life. We have been given the clothing of righteousness, peace, and faith to wear. These garments are nothing we could find in any department store, nor will they win us any prizes for fashion. Yet they will wear forever. They never go out of style.

Rev. Diane L. Harvey
The Congregational Church, U.C.C.
Rochester. MN

#### LABOR SUNDAY

Today American workers face a crisis. When they exercise their lawful right to engage in collective bargaining, workers are being fired.

Many of us believed that the New Deal put a stop to union-busting. After all, the famous Wagner National Labor Relations Act of 1935 guarantees workers' right to strike. But, thanks to a forgotten footnote in a 1938 decision of the Supreme Court, lawyers for management have recently found a way to prohibit strikes—or emasculate trade unions. Over fifty years ago, the High Court held that employers are not obligated to discharge replacement workers hired during a strike. During the past decade, that precedent has been used to displace union workers permanently when they strike.

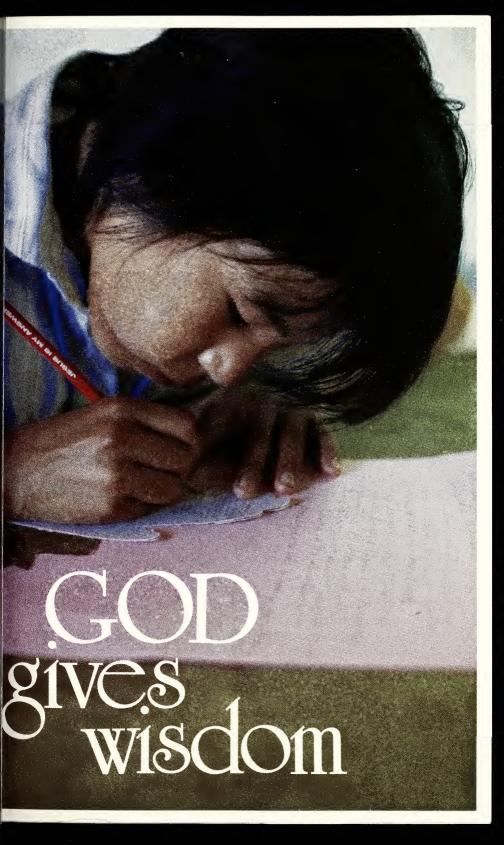
Among western industrialized nations, only South Africa also allows striking workers to be permanently replaced by non-union personnel. Throughout Europe, dismissing strikers is either flatly

prohibited or not tolerated in policy.

Since the early years of the trade union movement, Catholic, Protestant, and Jewish leaders have supported collective bargaining as a democratic way to settle labor disputes. Permanent replacement of strikers upsets the balance of power critical for achieving peaceful negotiated settlements between labor and management in the workplace. As a result, both collective bargaining and the democratic values that created this nation are undermined.

As we respond to the Seventeenth General Synod's call for economic justice, let us prayerfully consider our Christian responsibilities toward working Americans in our congregations and communities who face the possibility of losing their jobs and

livelihoods when they strike.



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September 8, 1991

11:00 a.m.

## PRAISE OF GOD

Prelude "All Glory Be to God on High" Johann Walther

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Introit

"Praise Ye The Lord"

Philip Young

## Responsive Call to Worship

- L. Incline your heart to the wisdom of God; seek integrity and understanding.
- P. The testimonies of God are wonderful; the unfolding of God's word gives light.
- L. Receive God's word and treasure God's commandments; cry out for insight and knowledge.
- P. Every good endowment and perfect gift is brought forth by the will of God.
- L. Be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger, as doers of the word, not hearers only.
- P. We seek to be redeemed from human oppression to a faith that is pure and undefiled.

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"Before Jehovah's Aweful Throne"

#### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

11 to Confession

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O God, giver of mercy, in Christ's name hear us as we onfess our sin. We speak when we should listen; we esitate when we should act. Anger prevents us from orking your righteousness; selfishness inhibits our esponding in faith. We are called to proclaim boldly he dawn of your Kingdom, but our shouts turn out to be ere whispers. Cleanse us of wickedness, and fill us ith meekness. Redeem us in Christ, in whose name we ray. Amen.

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oria Patri (#513) and Passing of the Peace

## WITNESS OF FAITH

Time With Children

"Our God is One God"

Warren Angell

# RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

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fertory "All Glory Be to God on High" Garth Edmundson

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\*Hymn # 391

"Be Thou My Vision"

(Children second grade and younger have the option of leaving for child care downstairs during the last stanza)

#### PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer

Scripture Reading

Exodus 19:1-9, 16-19, 20:1-20

Sermon "Single God, Single Heart" (First in a series of sermons on the Ten Commandments)

# PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

\*Hymn # 14

"The God of Abraham Praise"

\*Benediction

\*Choral Response "God Bless You and Keep You" Jay Althouse

\*Postlude "The God of Abraham Praise" Gordon Young

College Students are invited to stay for lunch at the Discover Fellowship meeting in the church's Youth Room after worship. All students are welcome at this meeting, which today will feature a film and discussion. The Youth Room is located behind the chancel end of the sanctuary, on the same level (turn right when you reach the farthest back hallway)

Next Sunday will be our church's annual "Student Sunday" and the congregation will host students at a pot-luck dinner in the Parish House after worship.

Altar Flowers today are given to the glory of God and in honor of Eve Loy and in memory of Fred L. Loy, Sr. and Haze Underwood Loy by Fred and Judy Loy.

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#### TEACHER INSTALLATION SERVICE

The pastor addresses teachers, helpers, and leaders:

Thank you for saying "yes" to the call to service in our Sunday school. The story of God's salvation has been proclaimed to you, and we now call you to lead and teach our students as they grow in faith and understanding of this same story. Encourage them to respond boldly to this good news of salvation.

I now ask you on behalf of the congregation: Are you willing to dedicate yourself to the ministry of faithful teaching? Will you prepare carefully and prayerfully for each session? If so, answer "Yes, with the help of God."

TEACHERS: Yes, with the help of God.

PASTOR: God desires people everywhere to hear the good news of salvation through Jesus Christ. Will you lead and teach your learners to grow as messengers of this news? Will you challenge yourself to grow in discipleship through your own regular worship, study, and prayer? If so, answer "Yes, with the help of God."

TEACHERS: Yes, with the help of God.

The Pastor addresses the congregation:

We thank God for our teachers, helpers, and leaders. It is important to support our Sunday school ministry with our continuing interest and prayers. As a witness to our support, we ask everyone who will be attending Sunday school to stand along with their family members. (After they stand, the pastor addresses them.) I ask the congregation, are you willing to renew your commitment to Jesus Christ through participation in or support of our Sunday school? If so, answer "Yes, with the help of God."

CONGREGATION: Yes, with the help of God.

PASTOR: Please join me in prayer:

Holy and almighty God, it is your will that all people come to you through your Son, Jesus Christ. Inspire our teachers to teach your Word diligently and our students to willingly learn from it, so they might carry it to others in our world. Help us support and encourage this mission of sharing the gospel. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

PASTOR: Teach and learn with dedication and joy. Be faithful to the Word of God. Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

#### CHURCH SCHOOL TEACHERS

1991-1992

#### THREE THROUGH FIVE YEAR OLDS

Elízabeth Raker Brían Harper Sue Brown Nora Griswold

## FIRST AND SECOND GRADE

Eva Briedenthal

Jeff Harlow

## THIRD THROUGH FIFTH GRADE

Ellie Ketcham

Marie Wilkins

# MIDDLE HIGH

Eileen McKenna

Ray Covington

# SUBSTITUTES

Maxine Rich

Janet Mayse

## NEW CLASS

John and Susan Hemphill

# SEEKERS

Al Carpenter Louis Wilkins Ken Harper

## ADULT BIBLE CLASS

John Irvíne Marsh McLelland Wally Snyder Earl Danieley Richard McBride Harvey Hook Nursery today: Lou Harper.

Child Care during worship today: Karen Worst and Katie Brown. Next Sunday: Maxine Rich and Jamie Brown.

#### WEEKLY CALENDAR

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sun•,	Sept.	0		a.m.	Church School Kick-off
			11:00		•
			12:15	-	•
			4:00	p.m.	Middle Highs
			4:00	p•m•	Women's Fellowship Executive Board
			7:00	p • m •	Bell Choir practice
				p•m•	
Mon.,	Sept.	9	7:00	p•m•	Cub Scouts
			7:00	p • m •	Women's Fellowship General Meeting, Choral Center
Wed∙,	Sept.	10	9:00	a.m.	Mother's Morning Out
	-				Adult Choir rehearsal
Thu.,	Sept.	11	4:30	p•m•	Terrific Thursdays
				p•m•	
Sun.,	Sept.	15	9:45	a.m.	Church School
			11:00	a.m.	Worship Service (Student Sunday) followed by Pot-Luck Dinner
			4:00	p.m.	
				-	Inquirer's Class
				p·m·	

## SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 8, 1991 Proverbs 2:6

"What is wisdom?" a young boy asked his mother. She replied: "It is knowing deep down that you are loved by God no matter what happens or what another says. It is believing in the words of Jesus which have stood the test of time. It is letting the gospel stories and the work of the Holy Spirit form and shape your life."

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P.U.L.S.E.

For millions of American fans of "Miami Vice," law enforcement in the city on Florida's Biscayne Bay is speedy and stylish—a far cry from proverbial Southern justice. But many in Miami's African American community have a different perspective.

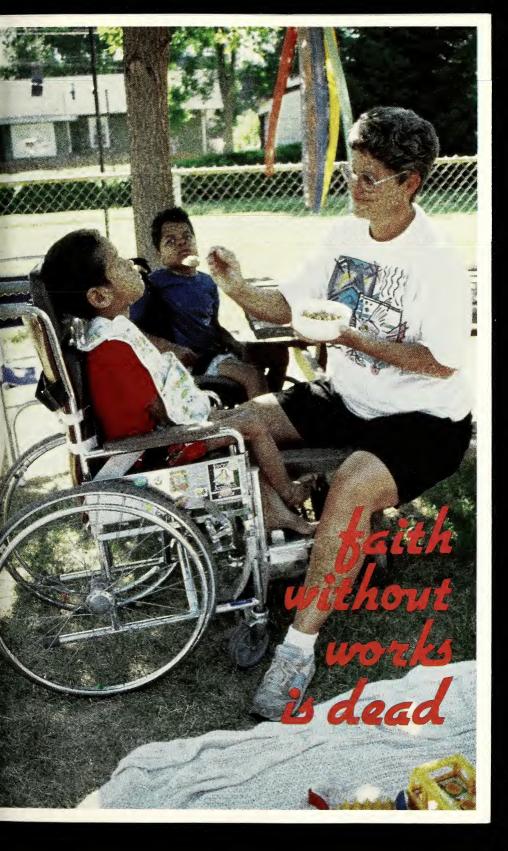
They remember when an all-white jury acquitted four Dade County policemen in the death of a black insurance salesman. No one who was in Miami on May 17, 1980, has forgotten the explosive reaction to those verdicts in the streets of Liberty City. The rioting that followed left eighteen people dead: the highest toll in racial violence anywhere in the United States since the 1960s.

The riots exposed the underlying political, economic, and social problems in the black community, and brought calls for new grassroots organizing. A sponsoring committee was called to seek financial support, and responses came in from national church organizations, including the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries.

So, People United to Lead the Struggle for Equality was born. In the ten years since then, what has P.U.L.S.E. accomplished? Leaders point to police liaison with the community, court reform to insure inclusive juries, as well as jobs, tenant relief, public transportation, fire hydrants and storm sewers.

Most important, however, is what hasn't happened since 1980. Many Miamians feared a renewal of rioting after another controversial police shooting in the African American community. But P.U.L.S.E. kept the lid on until justice was done.

Taking creative action before a crisis arises is the way this grassroots organization works. We gladly support P.U.L.S.E. with our gifts to Our Church's Wider Mission.



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The Rev. Richard McBride, Liturgist Today

September 15, 1991

11:00 a.m

# PRAISE OF GOD

Prelude

"Meditation"

Gabriel Faur

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"God Himself Is With Us" Joachim Neande Introit

Responsive Call to Worship

(Psalm 125

- Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, L. which cannot be moved but abides forever.
- As the mountains are round about Jerusalem, Р. so the Lord is round about his people from this time forth and forevermore.
- For the scepter of wickedness shall not rest L. upon the land allotted to the righteous, lest the righteous put forth their hand to do wrong
- Do good, O Lord, to those who are good, P • and to those who are upright in their heart.
- But those who turn aside upon their crooked ways L. the Lord will lead away with evildoers.

# P. The peace of God be in Israel!

Invocation and the Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

\*Hymn # 7

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Grant us the grace, 0 God, to make a true prayer of confession, opening the windows of our souls to replace the stale air of self absorption. Grant us the fresh air of your cleansing. Blow heaven's breezes our way. We confess that we are unwilling to let you come near the center room where we hide the truth of our lives. We prefer to have a secret hiding place from which to manage our own affairs. We prefer the comfortable platitudes of our decency and goodness. We prefer to choose the time of our meeting. We prefer to keep you portable and not always present. We prefer your smallness to match our own. But beneath our unwillingness, O God, to let you come too close, we confess that we are afraid to know you as you are, afraid of the unknown ways that you might change us. We have worked hard, O God, shaping our lives just as they are. We are afraid that you will unmake us...

Silent Prayers and Words of Assurance

\*Gloria Patri (#513) and Passing of the Peace

# WITNESS OF FAITH

A Time With Children

Anthem

"A New Song"

Diane Bish

#### RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Offering

Offertory "If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee"

J. S. Bac

\*Doxology (#515) and Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn # 322

"Jesus Calls Us

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#### PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Litany (adapted from Michel Quoist's New Prayers)

- L. We're a long way, Lord, from giving you the place that you ought to have in our lives.
- P. We take time to educate ourselves, to keep ourselves informed; we read books, skim magazines, read the morning news to keep ourselves current in his demanding world.
- L. We find the time, we take plenty of time out of the time we have for living.
- P. But keeping up to date with you, Lord? Later, Lord...afterwards, when we have some time to spare.
- L. And our children, Lord? We work hard with them to be successful in life. First of all they must lear as much as, or more than, we've learned. We insist upon it, we demand it of them. We set their priorities for them. Their spiritual formation? The weekend retreat? Only after they've done their homework and finished their chores.
- P. This is how we truly live, 0 God...We are alarmed by the hypocritical gap between what we think, and what we say, and how we live.
- L. Lord, who came to reveal the secret of life to us, place deep within us the desire to meet you in order to know you better, and the hunger to know you better in order to follow and serve you better.

- P. Help us to find the time for you, not snatched from the usual futilities, but fresh time, new time, like that we find suddenly when someone we truly love appears unexpectedly in a life that is already full.
- L. And grant to us as parents enough true faith to teach our children well that faith is not rules to follow but Someone to meet, to know, to love.
- Help us, Lord, you who have said to us: what use P. is it to gain the whole world and lose your life?
- And what use is it if we help our children conquer L. the whole world but lose their lives?

All: Grant us true faith, we pray. Amen.

Scripture Readings Exodus 20:4-6, Isaiah 44:9-20,

Philippians 3:17-21

Sermon

"No Usable God"

(Second in a series of sermons on the 10 Commandments)

# PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

\*Hymn # 20

"Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"

\*Benediction

\*Choral Response

"Benediction"

Gene Grier

\*Postlude

"Fugue in C Major" Dietrich Buxtehude

<sup>\*</sup> The congregation may stand at these points.

Today is our annual **Student Sunday** where we especially welcome the Elon College students to worship and to shar afterwards in a pot-luck dinner in the Parish House. El College Chaplain Richard McBride is sharing in the servitoday as our liturgist. We welcome him also.

Altar Flowers today are in memory of Dr. and Mrs. J. Allen Hunter and Richard Allen Hunter from Dorothy Hunte Walker and Marjorie R. Hunter.

Nursery today: Lou Harper.

Child Care during worship today: Maxine Rich and Jamie Brown. Next Sunday: Cile Welborn and Shawn McKenna.

# WEEKLY CALENDAR

un.,	Sept.	15			Church School
			11:00	a.m.	Worship Service followed by Pot-Luck Dinner
			4:00	p.m.	Senior Highs
			4:00	p.m.	Inquirer's Class
			7:00	p•m•	Bell Choir practice
on.,	Sept.	16	7:00	p•m•	Cub Scouts
			7:30	p•m•	Parsonage Housemeeting
ed.,	Sept.	18	9:00	a.m.	Mother's Morning Out
			7:30	$p \cdot m \cdot$	Adult Choir rehearsal
hu.,	Sept.	19	4:30	p.m.	Terrific Thursdays
	•			-	Board of Trustees
un.,	Sept.	22	9:45	a.m.	Church School
	•				Worship Service
					(New members received)
			12:15	p.m.	Discover Fellowship
			4:00	$p \cdot m \cdot$	Middle Highs
			4:30	$p \cdot m$	Mission Board
			7:00	$p \cdot m \cdot$	Bell Choir practice

# SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 15, 1991 James 2:17

To have faith is not merely stating one's convictions.

To have faith is not holding fast to what one believes, nor is it simply remaining strong when all around us is falling apart.

To have faith is to risk letting our lives forever be changed by the example of Jesus Christ.

Faith is a way of life.

Rev. Diane L. Harvey
The Congregational Church, U.C.C.
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#### FIVE-DOLLAR BLANKETS

By definition, disasters strike many lives, not few. Victims of the wars and revolutions, droughts and hurricanes we hear about number in the thousands. Homes and possessions lost or abandoned, hospitals and roads destroyed: the human needs overwhelm us. We can't even begin to imagine how we as individuals can help.

Can you spare five dollars for a woolen blanket?

No kidding. Five-dollar blankets are an essential part of every Church World Service disaster response program. When people are homeless, cold, and alone, a warm blanket offers primary protection and shelter. A blanket provides security for people without anything else.

The help we extend to Church World Service isn't limited to disaster response. Church World Service programs also help poor

families build for a better future.

In thousands of churches across America, volunteers assemble layettes for newborn babies, health and school kits for children, and sewing kits for women—and often insert a personal note of greeting to the overseas recipient.

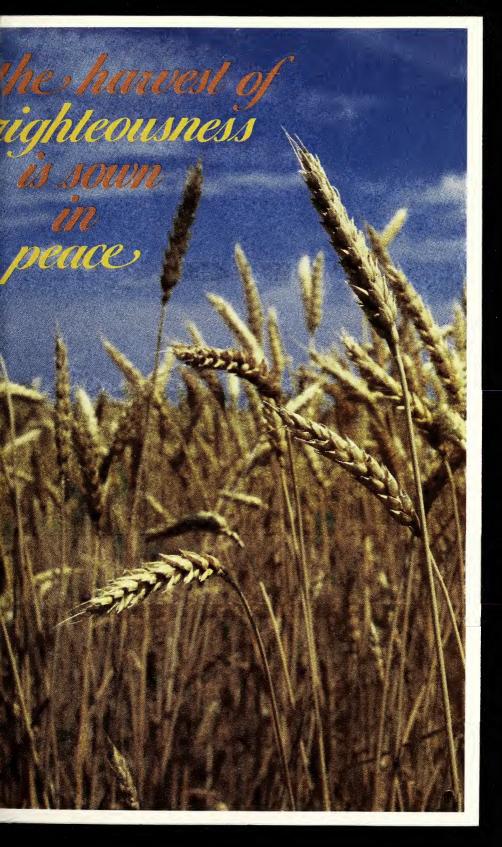
Those specialty kits are gifts in kind. But money is still needed to

pay the ocean freight and delivery costs.

Both in disaster relief and development assistance, Church World Service helps us multiply our small gifts in order to make a

big difference in people's lives.

Church World Service helps people in more than seventy countries to help themselves to better lives. Together with over thirty other Christian communions, we support Church World Service through our gifts to Our Church's Wider Mission.



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Mrs. Betty Walker, Organist and Choir Director

Amy Rose and Heidi Troxler, Acolytes Today

September 22, 1991

11:00 a.

#### PRAISE OF GOD

Prelude "Salvation Unto Us Has Come" (composer unknown

Welcome, Announcements, and Passing of Friendship Forms

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"Now God be Praised"

Melchior Vulpi

Call to Worship

Introit

Unison Prayer of Invocation

O God, wise far beyond all our understanding: the entire creation looks to you for care. We who are also children of your creation need insight and strength of spirit from your law and saving grace from your gospel. In these moments of worship, we bow in awe before your majesty, and in trust before your peace. May our worship restore us to our true place in your plans through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taugh us to pray, saying...

The Lord's Prayer

(using "trespasses

\*Hymn # 1

"Our God, Our Help In Ages Past"

# CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Guided Prayers of Confession

Silent Prayers and Words of Assurance

\*Gloría Patri (#513) and Passing of the Peace

#### WITNESS OF FAITH

A Time With Children

"Festival Piece on St. Anne" Eugene Butler Anthem

# RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Reception of New Members

see insert

Offering

Offertory "Prelude on Serenity"

H. Max Smith

\*Doxology (#515) and Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn # 230

"Immortal Love, Forever Full"

(Children second grade and younger have the option of leaving for child care downstairs during the last stanza)

# PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer

Scripture Readings Exodus 20:7; Leviticus 19:1-4, 9-18; Isaíah 48:1-2, 9-11

Sermon "Cracking the Foundation" (Third in a series of sermons on the 10 Commandments, "Old Foundations for a New Time")

# PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

\*Hymn # 60

"Savior, Again To Thy Dear Name"

\*Benediction

\*Choral Response

"God Be With You"

W. G. Tomer

\*Postlude

"Tuba Tune in G Major"

C. S. Lang

Altar Flowers today are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Mr. Walter C. Perry, Jr., by the family, and to honor grandchildren Amy, Michael, Matthew, Emily, and Rebecca, all of whom have birthdays during September.

Nursery today: Lou Harper.

Child Care during worship today: Cile Welborn and Shawn McKenna. Next Sunday: Marie Wilkins and Brian Harper.

#### WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun.	Sept.	22	9:45	a.m.	Church School
,			- 11:00	a.m.	Worship Service
			12:15	p.m.	Discover Fellowship
			3:00	p.m.	Habitat House Dedication
			4:00	p.m.	Middle Highs
			4:30	p.m.	Mission Board
			7:00	p.m.	Bell Choir practice
Mon.	Sept.	23	7:00	p.m.	Cub Scouts
,			- 7:30	p.m.	Brownie Scouts
Wed	Sept.			a.m.	Mother's Morning Out
,	F		7:30	p.m.	Adult Choir rehearsal
Thu.	Sept.	26	4:30	p.m.	Terrific Thursdays
,	•			p.m.	Marriage Enrichment
Sun.,	Sept.	29	9:45	a.m.	Church School
•	•		11:00	a.m.	Worship Service
					Chaplain McBride preaching
			12:15	p.m.	Discover Fellowship
			7:00	D.M.	Bell Choir practice

<sup>\*</sup> The congregation may stand at these points.

#### CEREMONY OF RECEPTION INTO MEMBERSHIP

ople: We offer you our love and support. We invite you to share your gifts with us, and promise to share ours with you, since God has apportioned varieties of gifts among us for the common good, for the building up of the Body of Christ in the world.

ader: Do you promise to be a faithful member of this congregation, and a faithful steward of the gifts God has given you, thereby fulfilling your calling as a disciple of our Lord Jesus?

w Members: I so promise, relying on God's grace.

ison: O God, grant that we may live out our discipleship together in ways that bring honor to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

ader: On behalf of the congregation, I extend to you the right hand of fellowship.



# HARITAT NEWS

House Dedication: The house built by Elon College Students will be dedicated on Sunday, Sept. 22nd at 3:00. The house was built on the Elon College Campus, but is now located on Durham Street in Burlington. The dedication ceremony will be held at the house. It is open to the public and

everyone is invited to attend.

The Family: People often wonder, "Who gets these houses built by Habitat?" Family selection is based on need and ability to pay for a home. A final ingredient is dedication. Each family must be willing to put in a substantial amount of work on their own home and other families' homes. John and Deborah Cook and their three children, John, Jr., Matthew, and Christopher will be the new homeowners at the Durham Street house. Deborah and John both hold full-time jobs, but they have found the time to put in countless hours in the process of building their home. Deborah has been especially impressed with the dedication of the college students who did the major building on their home. "It's been just like having another family," she said.

HABITAT NEEDS

In the course of building ten homes over three years. Habitat has been able to keep going because of the generosity of the community. We have now reached a point in the life of this organization when we need to think seriously about fundraising. At this time we are searching for volunteers knowledgeable in this area who could help us plan and carry out major fundraising campaigns. We are also seeking people from the community who would be capable of writing grants.

Finally, we would like everyone who reads this to consider making a contribution to Habitat. Remember, when you contribute to Habitat, your money is recycled. The payments we receive for each home go directly back into the building of

new homes.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY PO Box 5036 Burlington, NC 27216-5036 222-8191

# **EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

SEPTEMBER 22, 1991 James 3:18

Peace begins in the heart.
Each time we put a human face on our enemies, and pray until they become our friends; each time we wrestle with our prejudices and hear the truth in a voice different from our own; we sow the seeds of peace.
May our hearts be fertile soil.

Rev. Diane L. Harvey The Congregational Church, U.C.C. Rochester, MN

#### **AMERICAN INDIAN MINISTRY SUNDAY**

No one of us is altogether immune to the possibility of alcohol or drug dependency. But our American Indian brothers and sisters, worn down by society's cruelty and neglect, succumb more frequently to alcohol and narcotics. Thus, combatting alcoholism and drug abuse is a high priority in reservation communities.

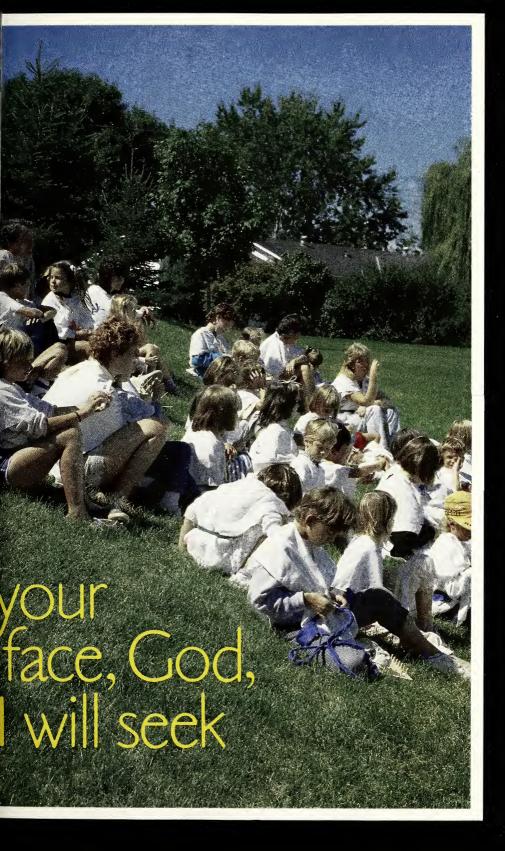
Last year, the Ponca Creek United Church of Christ on the Rosebud Sioux Reservation in South Dakota voted to launch an outreach project to support individuals who had recently completed treatment programs. The congregation wanted to provide a "safe" place for follow-up.

They approached the Council for American Indian Ministry for financial assistance. Although budget restrictions prevented CAIM from funding the Ponca Creek proposal entirely, the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries agreed to make up the balance.

Thanks in part to our gifts to Our Church's Wider Mission, the "Outreach Project" house at Ponca Creek now serves the whole community, including children and youth.

Even more than other young people, American Indian boys and girls are exposed to alcohol and drug abuse. They need programs in dependency prevention. But even more they need a place to go that provides constructive alternative activities. Volunteers working with the Outreach Project are helping provide that place.

Members of Ponca Creek UCC, as well as other congregations affiliated with CAIM, are showing their communities that the church cares about them not only on Sundays but throughout the week.



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September 29, 1991

11:00 a.m

### PRAISE OF GOD

Prelude "Blessed Assurance / I've Got Peace"

arr. Ken Hollan Moire Boynto

"Devotion" Handbell Choir

Welcome, Announcements, and Passing of Friendship Forms

Introit

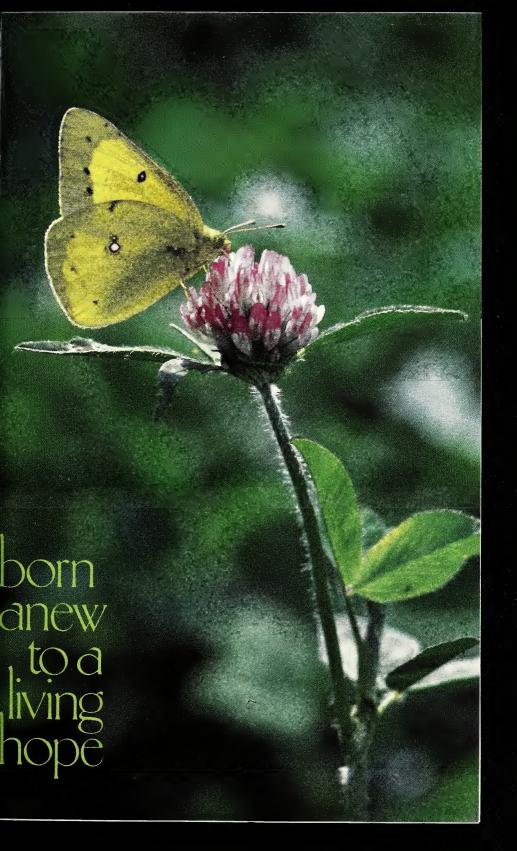
"Whatsoever You Do"

Hal Hop

Responsive Call to Worship (from Psalm 27)

- L. Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud.
- P. Be gracious to me and answer me!
- L. "Come," my heart says, "seek his face!"
- P. Your face, Lord, do I seek. Do not hid your face frome.
- L. Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart tak courage;
- P. Wait for the Lord.

Invocation and The Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses"



#### ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR

KENNETH KELLAR HUGHES

September 26, 1991

11:00 A.M.

PRELUDE

Margaret Ann Fambrou

SCRIPTURE SENTENCES AND GREETING

W. J. And

INVOCATION PRAYER

HYMN #251 "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"

UNISON READINGS No. 110, Page 540, Psalm 23 No. 135, Page 548, Philippians 2:5

SOLO "How Great Thou Art"

Ray Covingt

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (unison)

We believe there is no condemenation for those who are in Christ Jesus, and we know that in everything God works for good with those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose. We are sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION PRAYERS

Steve Caddell

NEW TESTAMENT READING I Corinthians 15:51-58

MEDITATION "When Labor Is Not In Vain"

HYMN #1 "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"

COMMENDATION

SOLO "The Lord's Prayer" Ray Covington

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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IN MEMORY OF:

Kenneth "Ken" Kellar Hughes Born: August 11, 1912

Death: September 23, 1991

Graduate of Elon College

Wife: Lucy Caddell Hughes

Daughters: Katherine Elder

Ann Matthews (deceased)

Martha Mayse

Sons-In-Law: Jim Elder

Richard Matthews

Drew Mayse

Grandchildren: Traci Matthews Penrod, Katherine Elder,

Kimberly Matthews, Ken Elder, Andrew

Mayse and Matt Mayse.

Great grandchild: George Edward Penrod IV..

Brothers: C. A. Hughes

Leroy Hughes

\*Hymn # 6

O Worship the King"

#### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Compassionate and Merciful God, in our worst moments we despise ourselves. We know what is right, but we fail to do it. We are easily deceived by voices other than your own. When we seek your face our vision is clouded by self-concern. When we intend to do your will, easier paths beckon, and we follow them. Forgive us, God, as we repent in dust and ashes. Save us from ourselves, that we may bear Christ's name with renewed confidence. Amen.

Silent Prayers and Words of Assurance

\*Gloria Patri (#513) and Passing of the Peace

# WITNESS OF FAITH

A Time With Children

Anthem "Amazing Grace" arr. Richard Wienhorst Heidi Danieley, flautist

# RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Offering

Offertory "Love is the Theme / Love Divine" arr. Ken Holland
Handbell Choir

\*Doxology (#515) and Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn # 66

"For the Beauty of the Earth

(Children second grade and younger have the option of leaving for child care downstairs during the last stanza

# PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer

Scripture Readings

Psalm 27:7-14; Mark 9:42-50

Sermon "The Power to Bless and the Power to Curse"

The Rev. Richard McBride

# PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

\*Hymn # 62

"God be With You Till We Meet Again"

\*Benediction

\*Choral Response "As the Father Loves Me" Ralph Schultz

\*Postlude "Prelude and Fugue in C Major" J. S. Bach

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#### WEEKLY CALENDAR

m• ,	Sept. 29	9:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m.	Church School Worship Service Discover Fellowship Bell Choir practice Mission Board
n.,	Sept. 30	6:30 p·m· 7:00 p·m·	Brownie Scouts Cub Scouts
d,,	Oct. 2	9:00 a.m. 7:30 p.m.	Mother's Morning Out Adult Choir rehearsal
u.,	Oct. 3	4:30 p·m· 7:00 p·m· 7:30 p·m·	Terrific Thursdays Callahan Study VI Marriage Enrichment
t.,	Oct. 5	9:30 a·m•	Eastern North Carolina Association, Raleigh
ın.,	Oct. 6	9:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Church School Worship Service Dr. Irvine preaching YETS
		4:00 p·m· 7:00 p·m·	Bell Choir practice

# NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 29, 1991 Psalm 27:8

Not just in the beauty of creation, but in its devastation, let us seek God's face. Not just in the loving eyes of a friend, but in the stare of a stranger, let us seek God's face. For God is present in every corner and moment of life, we need only open our eyes.

Rev. Diane L. Harvey
The Congregational Church, U.C.C.
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#### **EDUCATIONAL PARTNERSHIP IN SOUTH INDIA**

From Harvard to Hawaii Loa, education has been inseparable from ministry in the United Church of Christ and its predecessor denominations.

Moreover, because we stand for the same values abroad as at home, we support schools and colleges in Turkey and Japan as well as Georgia and Oregon. Our overseas partners share with us the conviction that intellectual and moral development are inseparable, and that learning is indispensable to discipleship.

The church of India is a case in point.

"The church here is doing a tremendous job in helping supply the need for school opportunities," write Richard and Joyce Riesz, who have served as educational missionaries in India since 1961. Dick teaches physics at the American College in Madurai, one of five colleges in India with which the United Church Board for World Ministries has been identified since their founding. "Our physics students at American College are in demand in many nationally important areas, being trained to use their knowledge and to bring inventive and eager minds to national problems." Joyce works with the Lucy Perry Noble Institute, a special boarding school near Madurai, established by missionaries in 1892 to teach underprivileged girls.

From the girls at the Institute, who would not otherwise have a chance for an education, to the accomplished young men and women who are being trained in research at the College, Dick and Joyce Riesz write, "we are working in partnership with you in America in and with the Church of South India to show the love of Jesus Christ in Southern Asia."

We support this partnership with our gifts to Our Church's Wider Mission.



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October 6, 1991 WORLD-WIDE COMMUNION SUNDAY 11:00 a.m

# PRAISE OF GOD

Prelude

"O God My Lord"

Johann G. Walthe

Welcome, Announcements, and Passing of Friendship Forms

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Introit

"Great Art Thou"

Alice Jordan

Responsive Call to Worship (in Spanish and English)

Led by Cile Welborn

Lider: La obra de Dios nos rodea. Gente: Respondemos con alabanza.

Leader: The work of God surrounds us,

People: We respond with praise.

Lider: El amor de Dios es visible.

Gente: Respondemos con fe.

Leader: The love of God is visible,

People: We respond in faith.

Lider: La palabra de Dios nos llama.

Gente: Respondemos en esperanza.

Leader: The word of God is calling,

People: We respond in hope.

Lider: El viento del Espiritu sopla.

Gente: Respondemos con gozo.

Leader: The wind of the Spirit is blowing,

People: We respond with joy.

Invocation (in German)

Gott, der Du zu uns kommst in unserer grossen Freude, in unserer grossen Schmerz und in dem dazwischenliegenden Alltagsleben, sei mit uns jetzt, wo wir uns einander mitteilen. Darum bitten wir Dich in Jesu Namen. Amen.

God, who comes to us in our great joys, our crushing sorrows, and in our life day-to-day, be with us now as we share ourselves with one another. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

\*Hymn # 12

"For All That Dwell Below the Skies"

# CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

O God, we confess that we do not look far enough: far enough around us to recognize all people everywhere as our brothers and sisters, fellow children of yours; and far enough forward to recognize the rights of our descendants to whom we are leaving a ravaged earth. We confess our small-minded fixation on self, our pre-occupation with the near-term bottom line, our want-it-all-and want-it-now childishness. Lift us this hour into the larger realms of your Spirit; show us how small our trophies look against the wideness of your love, and remake us into a people worthy of your calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silent Prayers and Words of Assurance

\*Gloría Patri (#513) and Passing of the Peace

# WITNESS OF FAITH

Anthem

"All Good Gifts"

Natalie Sleet

# RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Dedication of Sanctuary Redecorations

Recognition of Sanctuary Redecoration Committee Member

# Litany

- L. Let us worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness
- P. Strength and beauty are in God's sanctuary.
- L. We rejoice in the completion of the renovations of our sanctuary after 32 years of this building' life; we are grateful for the skilled laborers wh worked to make this a differently beautiful place
- P. We give thanks for this expression of God's love along our pilgrimage, as we have been enabled to set this house of God in new order.

#### COMMUNION LITURGY D

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right that we should.

It is our duty and delight, Creator God, to give you thanks and praise for all that you have done for the world. Our hearts are full of gratitude to you, because you loved the world so much that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who has faith in him may not die, but have eternal life.

we thank you that Jesus was born among us; that he lived our common life on earth; that he suffered and died for us; that he rose again; and that he is always present through the Holy Spirit.

Remembering these things, we celebrate once again the supper of the Lord. We pray that despite our sins and doubts, the Holy Spirit may transform what we are doing, so that as we eat the bread and drink the wine we may share in the eternal life of Christ.

We thank you that we do not celebrate this supper alone, but in company with all your people, past, present, and to come. With them and with all creation we praise you and say:

Holy, holy, holy, Mighty Lord God, Everything makes your greatness known: We acknowledge it too.

(The elements are distributed.)

#### Communion Liturgy D, continued

# Unison Prayer after Communing:

Eternal and Gracious God,
we praise and worship and adore you
for the food we have received at this table.
You have sent your Holy Spirit among us
to make our eating and drinking here
a memorial of our Lord Jesus Christ.
May your Spirit help us today and tomorrow
to make our living and our working,
our loving and doing and thinking,
a memorial of Jesus;
so that in the end,
with the great company of the redeemed,
we may eat and drink and be glad with him
in the glory of the eternal kingdom.

To him, with you our Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, may all that lives and breathes—the world and all creation—give glory, worship, and praise, now and forever. Amen!

- L. We reconsecrate this sanctuary to the glory of God who creates, redeems, and sanctifies us.
- P. We rededicate not only newly painted walls and woodwork, newly covered floors and ceiling and pews, but also the human building blocks of the church, its people.
- L. For the remembrance of the seasons of the church year and for the seasons of each human life;
- P. For times of preparation and birth, penitence and renewal, growth and life, sorrow and death, rebirth and resurrection;
- L. for the recognition of our unity in love, faith, and hope, in those richer moments of life when we reach out beyond our own to God's spaciousness;
- P. We rededicate the house of worship where the rituals of life are celebrated and hallowed.

Hymn Stanzas (sung to the tune of Maryton, "O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee"):

For thee our waiting spirits yearn,
For thee this house of praise we rear;
To thee with longing hearts we turn;
Come, fix thy glorious presence here.

Accept the work our hands have wrought; Accept, 0 God, this earthly shrine; Be thou our rock, our life, our thought, And we, as living temples, thine. Amen.

Offering

Hymn # 295

Offertory "This Is My Father's World" arr. Johann Young

Doxology (#515) and Prayer of Dedication

"Christ for the World We Sing"

(Children second grade and younger have the option of leaving for child care downstairs during the last stanza)

#### PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer

Scripture Readings Deuteronomy 5:16; Ephesians 6:1-

"Charity Begins At Home Meditation (One of a series of sermons on the Ten Commandments)

#### PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper Using Liturgy 1

Duet

"In Remembrance" Buryl Red Lindee LeNoir, soprano; Ray Covington, Baritone

"Be Known To Us In Breaking Bread"

\*Hymn # 280 \*Benediction

\*Choral Response "Go Forth In Joy" Alice Jordan

\*Postlude "Piece Héroïque" Cesar Franci

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Child Care during worship today: Jimma Causey and Amy Roo Next week: Sue Brown and Rob Woody.

Nursery today: Lou Harper.

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# WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun.,	Oct.	6	9:45	a.m.	Church School
			11:00	a.m.	Worship Service
			12:15		
					Staff Meeting
				p.m.	
			2.50	P	County meeting
			4:00	p.m.	YETS Meeting
				p·m·	Bell Choir practice
			7.00	р•ш•	Dell Gholl practice
Mon.,	Oct.	7	10:30	a.m.	Circle # 1 - Choral Center
			6:30	p • m •	Brownie Scouts
				p.m.	Cub Scouts
				p.m.	Circle # 2 - Sybil White's
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ſue.,	Oct.	8	7:30	p.m.	Circle # 3 - Church Library
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Ved.,	Oct.	9	9:00	a.m.	Mother's Morning Out
			5:00	p.m.	Head Start Story Time
			7:30	p.m.	Adult Choir rehearsal
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Thu.,	Oct.	10		$p \cdot m \cdot$	Terrific Thursdays
			6:30	$p \cdot m \cdot$	Girl Scouts, Youth Room
			7:30	$p \cdot m \cdot$	Board of Deacons
Sun.,	Oct.	13	9:45	a.m.	Church School
			11:00	a.m.	Worship Service
			12:15	p.m.	Acolyte Lunch and Training
			4:00		Middle Highs
			6:00	•	Discover Fellowship
				p.m.	Bell Choir practice
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#### TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 6, 1991 Hebrews 2:9

A loaf of bread, a chalice. Common, ordinary elements, but they were given new life and meaning through the words and actions of Jesus. The people of God gathered around table or communion rail. Common, ordinary elements, but are we not given new life and meaning through the words and actions of Jesus?

Rev. Diane L. Harvey The Congregational Church, U.C.C. Rochester, MN

#### NEIGHBORS IN NEED

In society, the "conventional wisdom" usually blames the victim. If people are homeless, it's their own fault. If children live in poverty, their parents are responsible. If ethnic minorities have high rates of unemployment, it reflects upon them.

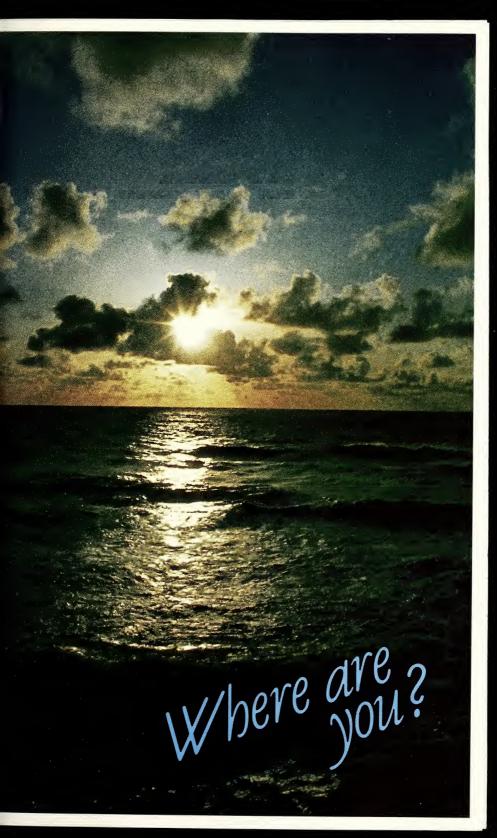
As Christians, we should be immune to the "conventional wisdom." The Gospel contradicts it at every point. Does Jesus, who is above reproach, blame the victim? No, he comforts homeless people, embraces disadvantaged children, and defends people who suffer discrimination.

As Jesus' disciples, we must strive to follow his example, not only in refusing to blame the victims, but also in seeking to help them. The Neighbors in Need all-church offering represents one of the most faithful and effective ways we, as members and friends of the United Church of Christ, can reach out to people stranded on the margins of society.

Our gifts to NIN enable the national program bodies of our church to create new, short-term ministries with people in need. These innovative projects are above and beyond their continuing programs. Frequently they reflect current General Synod priorities. Moreover, because of their magnitude and urgency, these programs often involve cooperation among church agencies.

The 1991 Neighbors in Need offering will support projects dealing with discrimination in public education, the effects of children's television, open and affordable housing, health care, employment opportunities, and environmental hazards.

No one pretends that these problems can be resolved by one offering. But our gifts to NIN can help people in need stake their claims for equal opportunity and justice. That is the least we can do for our neighbors.



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October 13, 1991

11:00 a.m.

## PRAISE OF GOD

Prelude

"Prayer"

Alexander Guilmant

Welcome, Announcements, and Passing of Friendship Forms

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Introit

"This Is The Day"

Hal Hopson

Call to Worship

L. Like children receiving a gift of love,

P. Like toddlers ripping open big mysteries from little packages,

All: Let us receive the presence of God.

L. Let our pride in receiving be small,

P. And let our faith be great,

All: That we might accept all the grace God offers us.

Invocation and The Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

\*Hymn # 260

"The Church's One Foundation"

# CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

We confess, O God, that we have been frantic in our pursuits: of money, of pleasure, of anything we could accumulate to our own glory. We have not paid adequate attention to the rhythms of work and rest, of week and sabbath, of activity and contemplation, of compulsion and freedom. We who are driven pray that we may learn from you that which gives life, and find the discipline to follow it; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silent Prayers and Words of Assurance

Gloria Patri (#513) and Passing of the Peace

# WITNESS OF FAITH

Anthem

"Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" J. S. Bach

# RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Offering

Offertory "If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee"

J. S. Bach

Doxology (#515) and Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn # 341

"Dear Lord and Father of Mankind"

(Children second grade and younger have the option of leaving for child care downstairs during the last stanza)

# PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer

Scripture Readings Exodus 20:8-11; Deuteronomy 5:12-15

Sermon "Rest, Re-Creation, and Recollection" (one of a series of sermons on the Ten Commandments)

# PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

\*Hymn # 290

"Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts"

\*Benediction

\*Choral Response "O May the Peace of God" Natalie Sleeth

\*Postlude "Prelude and Fugue in D Minor" J. S. Bach

The Altar Flowers today are given to the glory of God in memory of Marion C. Liscum and John W. Barney, Jr., by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Liscum and family.

Child Care during worship today: Sue Brown and Rob Woody. Next week: Ann Acquilano and Brian Rose.

Nursery today: Lou Harper.

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# BRUNSWICK SIEW SALE FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, OCT.18 & 19, 1991.

THE ELON COLLEGE EXCHANGE CLUB WILL OFFER ITS POPULAR BRUNSWICK SIEW FOR SALE ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18, STARTING AT 11:30 A.M. TO DUSK, AT IT'S TENT LOCATED OPPOSITE THE FIRE STATION AND AT THE EXCHANGE CLUB ON ROUTE 100.

THE SALE WILL CONTINUE ON SATURDAY, OCT.19, FROM 8:30 A.M. TO SELL-OUT.

THE STEW SELLS FOR \$3.50 PER QUART AND MAY SE FROZEN FOR FUTURE USE.

BECAUSE OF ITS WELL-KNOWN QUALITY, THE SUPPLY IS FREQUENTLY SOLD OUT ON FRIDAY, SO AN EARLY PURCHASE IS RECOMMENDED.

PROCEEDS FROM THE SALE HELP SUPPORT VARIOUS COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES SUCH AS THE BOY SCOUTS; PROVIDE SCHOLARSHIPS AND ASSIST IN CHARITABLE CAUSES.

SHOW CONSIDERATION FOR THE COOK-BUY BRUNSWICK STEW !



# WEEKLY CALENDAR

ın•,	Oct.	13	11:00 12:15 2:30 4:00 6:00 7:00	a·m· p·m· p·m· p·m· p·m·	Church School Worship Service Acolyte Lunch and Training YETS Middle Highs Discover Fellowship Bell Choir practice Board of Christian Education
on.,	Oct.	14		-	Brownie Scouts Cub Scouts
ıe•,	Oct.	15	7:30	p•m•	Dessert and Missionary Speaker in Parish House
ed∙,	Oct.	16			Mother's Morning Out Adult Choir rehearsal
nu•,	Oct.	17		-	Terrific Thursdays Board of Trustees
rí.,	Oct.	18	6:30	p•m•	New Adult Class service meeting, Seekers' Classroom
ın∙,	Oct.	20	11:00 4:30	a.m. p.m.	Church School Worship Service Board of Missions Bell Choir practice

# TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 13, 1991

Genesis 3:9

We can run, but we cannot hide.
God is looking for us, constantly, faithfuily.
With open arms God longs to meet us.
How can the Creator not be
in close and loving relationship
with all creation?

Rev. Diane L. Harvey The Congregational Church, U.C.C. Rochester, MN

#### DISABILITIES AWARENESS WEEK

During the summer of 1990, Congress enacted the Americans with Disabilities Act. This landmark legislation guarantees citizens who are handicapped broadened employment opportunities and greater access to public accommodations and transit systems.

Laws are passed in Washington, D.C.; but they do not necessarily originate there. Frequently, years of grassroots advocacy precede the enactment of social statutes. Concerned individuals and groups throughout the country contribute to the momentum that finally produces action in the Capitol.

The Americans with Disabilities Act is no exception to this pattern. One of the organizations that helped push this legislation

to passage was the United Church of Christ.

Long before the specific work of Congressional lobbying began, our church was educating ourselves and the public about the need. In 1977, the Eleventh General Synod approved a Pronouncement on the Church and Persons with Handicaps. The two succeeding Synods reaffirmed and expanded the original pronouncement, and lifted it up as a church priority. At the same time, a portion of our gifts to the Neighbors in Need all-church offerings went to support projects on persons with disabilities.

Meanwhile, local churches worked to make their programs and facilities accessible to persons with disabilities. Working with the Homeland Board's National Committee on Persons with Disabilities, our conference and national church bodies stressed education and advocacy. Thanks to that kind of pressure, the concerns of people with disabilities were lifted higher on the national agenda until, finally, legislation was introduced in the Congress. Then the lobbying, in which our church joined, pushed it through to passage.

Education and advocacy, which we support through Our Church's Wider Mission, are expressions of our faith and hope that eventually the voices of conscience and compassion will be heard, and justice will be done. When the President signed the Americans with Disabilities Act, some of that faith and hope was

vindicated.

RECEIVE MERCY



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October 20, 1991

11:00 a.m.

# PRAISE OF GOD

Prelude "Prelude, Fugue and Variation" Cesar Franck

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Introit "Jesus, Be Present Now"

Dave Perry

Call to Worship

(from Psalm 145)

- L. Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;
- P. The Lord's greatness is unsearchable.
- L. One generation shall praise your works to another,
- P. and shall declare your mighty acts.
- L. On the glorious splendor of your majesty,
- P. And on your wondrous works, I will meditate.
- L. The Lord is gracious and merciful,
- P. Slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.
- L. All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord,
- P. And all your faithful shall bless you.

Invocation and The Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

\*Hymn # 35

"When Morning Gilds the Skies"

# CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

O God, we are ashamed to admit that again and again we have broken the solemn and binding relationship which the Bible calls a covenant. You have bought us with a price, but we have treated it lightly. We have promised to be faithful, but we have followed other loyalties. You have set a table before us, but we have refused to eat. You have sought us when we wandered, but we have been offended by the attention. You have called us your children, but we have been rebellious. We are tired of the half-life of a weak commitment. Help us, 0 God, to live as if we truly belong to you.

Silent Prayers and Words of Assurance

Gloría Patri (#513) and Passing of the Peace

# WITNESS OF FAITH

Duet "The Lord Is My Shepherd" Henry Smart Betty Walker, mezzo-soprano, and Tom Conally, tenor

A Time With Children

# RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Offering

Offertory

"Wondrous Love" Gordon Young

\*Doxology (#515) and Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn # 447

"O God of Love, O King of Peace"

(Children second grade and younger have the option of leaving for child care downstairs during the last stanza)

# PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer

Scripture Readings

Exodus 20:13; Genesis 4:2-15,

Matthew 5:27-32

Sermon

"Respecting Life" (sixth in a series of sermons on the Ten Commandments)

# PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

\*Hymn # 353

"Lord, I Want To Be a Christian"

\*Benediction

\*Choral Response "Father, Give Thy Benediction"

\*Postlude

"Allegro Maestoso"

G. F. Handel

The Altar Flowers today are given by the Barbee family to the glory of God and in honor of Bill's mother, Velma Barbee, and Susan's father, Wendell McDevitt.

New Church Directories are available. Pick yours up in the Narthex after worship.

Child Care during worship today: Ann Acquilano and Brian Rose. Next week: Carolyn Messick and Katie Brown.

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ursery today: Lou Harper.

he Alternative Women's Group will meet at the church on hursday at  $7:30 p \cdot m$ .

# WEEKLY CALENDAR

un•,	Oct.	20	11:00 2:30 4:00 4:30	a.m. p.m. p.m. p.m.	Church School Worship Service Worship Committee YETS Mission Board Bell Choir rehearsal
on.,	Oct.	21		•	Brownie Scouts Cub Scouts
ed.,	Oct.	23			Mother's Morning Out Adult Choir rehearsal
hu.,	Oct.	24	7:00	p.m.	Terrific Thursdays District Men's Fellowship Quarterly Meeting, Berea Alternative Women's Group
ın.,	Oct.	27	11:00 4:00	a·m· p·m·	Church School Worship Service Middle Highs Bell Choir rehearsal

# TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 20, 1991 Hebrews 4:16

Mercy is absolute, unconditional, not deserved, no way to be earned forgiveness by God. It is knowing at the very core of our being that we are loved by God, not for what we do or for who we are, but because of who God is. Mercy is the call to come home.

Rev. Diane L. Harvey
The Congregational Church, U.C.C.
Rochester, MN

#### COMING OF AGE

Today, World Order Sunday, evokes several different responses among people. Some still await the advent of a new international order for the realization of their hopes for peace and justice. Others reject all expectations of ever achieving international cooperation. A growing number of people place their hopes in the forty-five-year-old United Nations, which has come of age with the end of the Cold War.

If your image of the United Nations consists of a monolithic building in New York City in which diplomats debate war and peace, you are not entirely wrong. But the UN is more than talk.

It was the United Nations that negotiated the Soviet withdrawal from Afghanistan.

It was the UN that mediated the cease-fire between Iran and Iraq.

For its peacekeeping efforts the United Nations has won the Nobel Peace Prize seven times.

But, as every UNICEF trick-or-treater knows, the United Nations does more than condemn invasions and police truces.

It was the United Nations that forged the international treaty halting the production and consumption of chemicals that damage the earth's ozone layer.

It was the UN that brought nations together to coordinate the world battle against AIDS.

From nuclear disarmament, environmental protection, population control, women's rights and Third World development, to child mortality, terrorism, drugs and apartheid, the UN is working to resolve the world's problems.

We can support the United Nations through our schools and churches, on the local, state, and national levels.

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December 29, 1991

11:00 a.m.

# PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Nancy Thomas, Guest Organist

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Introit

"Great Art Thou"

Alice Jordan

Responsive Call to Worship

- L. Shall those who flee take refuge in the shadow of the pyramids? No, look to the Rock that is higher than heaven.
- P. Lift up your eyes unto the hills. Your help shall come from the hand that fashioned earth and sky.
- L. Refugees of war, fugitives of famine, the One who keeps you will not slumber; the eyes of God shall never close.
- P. "Silent night, holy night,...sleep in heavenly peace."



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December 24, 1991

7:30 p.m.

Prelude

Greeting

Lighting of the Christ Candle
Introductory Sentences Kimberly Acquilano
Scripture Elizabeth Mayse
Lighting the Candle Matt Mayse, Nicole Williamson
Prayer Marie Acquilano

\*Hymn # 116

"Angels We Have Heard On High

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 9: 2-7; Luke 2: 1-20

Meditation

the Rev. Beth Lyon

\*Hymn # 134

"O Little Town of Bethlehem

Prayer

Call to Confession

#### BRIEF ORDER FOR HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation

Communion Prayer

Pastor: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to God.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to God Most High.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Pastor Holy God,

we praise and bless you for creation and the gift of life and for your abiding love which brings us close to you,

the source of all blessing.

We thank you for revealing your will for us in the giving of the law and in the preaching of the prophets.

We thank you especially that in the fullness of time you sent Jesus, born of Mary, to live in our midst, to share in our suffering, and to accept the pain of death at the hands of those whom Jesus loved.

We rejoice that in a perfect victory over the grave you raised Christ with power to become sovereign in you realm.

We celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit to gather your church by which your work may be done in the world and through which we share the gift of eternal life. We rejoice in the good news of the birth of Jesus; with the angels, the shepherds and the faithful of every nation, we glorify your holy name.

A11

Holy, holy, holy God of love and majesty, the whole universe speaks of your glory, O God Most High.

Pastor

We recall anew these words and acts of Jesus Christ. Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed, and broke it,, and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat: This is my body."

Jesus took a cup, and after giving thanks, gave it to the disciples and said, "Drink of it, all of you; for this is the my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for ma for the forgiveness of sins.

Come, Holy Spirit, come bless this bread, and bless this fruit of the vine. Bless all of us in our eating and drinking at this table that our eyes may be opened, and may recognize the risen Christ in our midst, in each other, and in all for whom Christ died.

People Amen.

Breaking the Bread and Pouring the Cup

Sharing the Elements

The people are invited to come forward to receive commun We will receive the elements by intinction - please take piece of the bread and dip it in the cup.

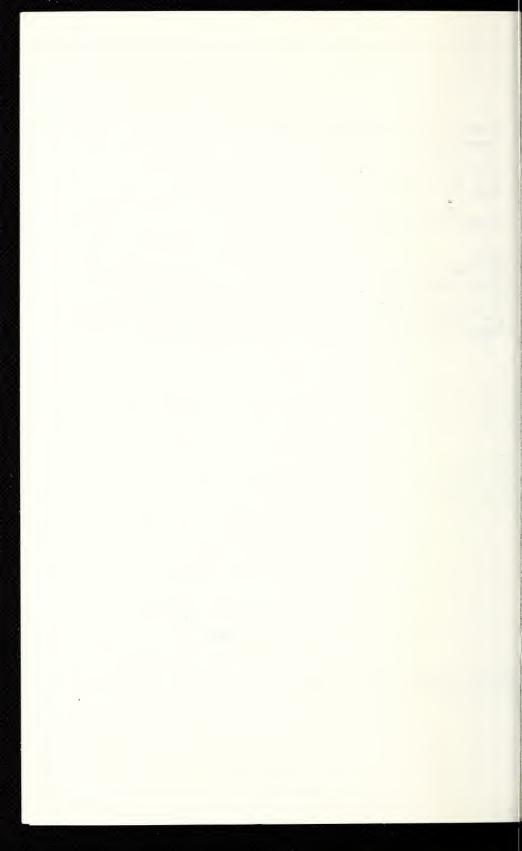
Please join in singing the hymns while others are receiving communion.

Hymn #131 "Lo How a Rose" Hymn #146 "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks"

Prayer of Thanksgiving

#### A11:

We thank you, God, for inviting us to this table where we have known the presence of Christ and have received all Christ's gifts. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and let us show forth your praise in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.



Unison Prayer of Confession

O God, as we stand before the manger where the Christ child is laid, we are drawn to confess and repent of those times in which we have turned away from each other and from your loving kindness; times of thinking, speaking and doing without consideration of our brother, our sister. We have done the evil you forbid, and have not done the good to which we are called. Because of the obedience of the Christ Child before whom we stand, forgive us all, and help us to forgive on another. In the name of Christ. Amen.

Silent Prayers and Words of Assurance

\*Gloria Patri (#513) and Passing of the Peace

Offering

Offertory

\*Doxology (#515)

Order for Holy Communion (insert)

\*Hymn 138 "Silent Night"
(during the singing of the hymn we will share the light from the Christ candle)

<sup>\*</sup>Benediction

<sup>\*</sup>Postlude

<sup>\*</sup> The congregation may stand at these points.

- L. From the enemy the Lord shall hide your face.
- P. The moon shall not betray you by night. The sun shall not strike you by day.
- L. Gently the Lord shall keep you close, shielding your life's flame from angry winds.
- P. The Lord shall keep your goings-out and your comings-in until you find your home.

## PRAISE OF GOD

Invocation

The Lord's Prayer (in unison)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

\*Hymn # 454

"Great God, We Sing That Mighty Hand"

# CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

O God, we have wandered far from the promise of our covenant with you. We have taken for granted the blessings we enjoy from your hand. We seldom stop to ponder who you are or to bow down in awe before your holiness. We resist your will and ignore your activity in our midst. Only when life is difficult do we think of ultimate realities. Then you seem far away and unreal. Forgive us, we pray, for trying to play God and for substituting lesser loyalties for faithfulness to you. Show us how to grow in relation to you and to other people. Amen.

Silent Prayers and Words of Assurance

\*Gloria Patri (#513) and Passing of the Peace

## WITNESS OF FAITH

Anthem

"O Holy Night" Tom Conally, soloist Adolphe Adam

# RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Offering

Offertory

\*Doxology (#515) and Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn # 453

"Ring Out, Wild Bells"

# PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Scripture Reading

Luke 2:41-52

Sermon

"Going Out and Coming In"

# PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

\*Hymn # 412

"O Master Workman of the Race"

\*Benediction

\*Choral Response "God Be With You" William Tomer

\*Postlude

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<sup>\*</sup> The congregation may stand at these points.

The Altar Flowers today are given to the glory of God by the Raker family.

Child Care during worship today: Carolyn Messick and Shawn McKenna.

Nursery today: Lou Harper.

#### WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun.,	Dec.	29		Church School Worship Service
Mon.,	Dec.	30	6:30 p.m.	Brownie Scouts
Tue.,	Dec.	31		NEW YEAR'S EVE office holiday
Wed.,	Jan.	1	7:30 p.m.	NEW YEAR'S DAY office holiday Alcoholics Anonymous
Fri.,	Jan.	3	7:30 p·m·	Narcotics Anonymous
Sun.,	Jan.	5	9:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:00 noon	Church School Worship Service; Communion New Boards meet to elect officers and representatives to the 1992 Church Council

# FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

**DECEMBER 29, 1991** 

Colossians 3:16

As we near the new year with its expectations for resolutions, we ask: What has changed that would cause us to do things differently? If we have experienced the joy to be found in God's incarnate love, if we have been renewed in spirit, if we have experienced the goodness of life—we are already changed people. We have much to sing about, for God has called each of us "chosen," "holy," "beloved." We gather to be strengthened in our faith for the year ahead as we sing songs of God's love.

Rev. Daniel Rosemergy Brookmeade Congregational Church, UCC Nashville, TN

#### "PSALMS AND HYMNS AND SPIRITUAL SONGS"

Over thirty years ago, the Hymnal Committee of the United Church of Christ wrote these discerning words in their preface to a

new edition of the Pilgrim Hymnal:

"The hymnbook has a central place in the worship of the church. The psalmist invites us to 'sing to the Lord a new song.' St. Paul urges churches to praise God 'in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs.' The Reformation began in a burst of congregational singing. In our worship the people have always taken an active and significant part, and a zeal for corporate worship has featured every period of renewal within Protestantism. Our hymnbook, therefore, bears testimony to our concern that worship should be first and foremost an act of prayer and praise to God, understood and entered into by the whole company of the faithful.

"This is especially true for those of us who stand within the Protestant tradition. By hymns we mark the changing yet recurring accents of the Christian year; we balance and deepen our devotional life; we convey to members of each congregation the meanings of the gospel and voice the corporate claims and

lovalties of our faith.

<sup>a</sup>Every generation responds to the call of Christ in its own distinctive way. There is need for periodic revision of our hymnals, none of which can contain, in any case, more than a fraction of the great store of texts and tunes available for congregational worship

gathered over the centuries."

The Pilgrim Hymnal, along with the Evangelical and Reformed Hymnal and the United Church of Christ Hymnal, has served our congregations well for generations. But the time has come to consider a new hymnal for the United Church of Christ. The United Church Board for Homeland Ministries has appointed a committee to investigate the production of such a resource. Our gifts to Our Church's Wider Mission are indispensable to the success of this worthy undertaking.

# God has done great things



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December 22, 1991

11:00 a.m.

Prelude

"Silent Night" arr. Fred Bock

Welcome, Announcements, and Passing of Friendship Forms

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Introit "On Christmas Night" arr. Barbara B. Kinyon

Lighting of the Fourth Advent Candle Ceremony led by Heidi Troxler, Matthew Woody, Hope Martin, Katie Brown

\*Hymn # 132

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

# CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

God of the humble and the poor, we recognize the poverty of our prayers and the faithlessness of our feeble petitions. We have doubted your reality and addressed you without expecting a response. We have observed rituals in your sanctuary while our thoughts pursued other gods. Come to save us, 0 God; grant us your mercy, for we lonng for the new day you have promised. Amen.

Silent Prayers and Words of Assurance

\*Gloria Patri (#513) and Passing of the Peace

# WITNESS OF FAITH

Anthem

"Gesu Bambino" Pietro A. Yon Senior Choir; Ray Covington, Baritone

# RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Offering

Offertory "I Wonder As I Wander" arr. Fred Bock

\*Doxology (#515) and Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn # 140

"What Child Is This"

(Children second grade and younger have the option of leaving for child care downstairs during the last stanza)

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer

Scripture Reading

Micah 5:2-5a; Luke 1:39-55

Sermon

"From the Margins to the Center"

# PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

\*Hymn # 130

"Joy To The World!"

\*Benediction

\*Choral Response

"Benediction"

Gene Grier

\*Postlude "Fantasia on Adeste Fideles" Geoffrey Shaw

You are invited to join the Christmas Carolers tonight, meeting at the north (back) parking lot at 6:30 to go in teams along four routes. At the conclusion of your route, you are invited to the parsonage for refreshments and a time of fellowship.

Child Care during worship today: Ann Acquilano and Jamie Brown. Next Sunday: Carolyn Messick and Shawn McKenna.

Nursery today: Lou Harper.

<sup>\*</sup> The congregation may stand at these points.

# WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun.,	Dec. 22	11:00 a·m•	Church School Worship Service Christmas Caroling
ſue∙,	Dec. 24	7:30 p.m.	CHRISTMAS EVE: Office Holiday Family Christmas Eve Service led by Beth Lyon
√ed.,	Dec 25		CHRISTMAS DAY: Office Holiday
Sun.,	Dec. 29		Church School Worship Service:

# FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**DECEMBER 22, 1991** 

Luke 1:49

The Magnificat of Mary (Luke 1:46-55) extols the great things God has done on behalf of the small, the weak, the folk on the underside of things. It echoes the Song of Hannah (I Samuel 2:1-10), composed centuries earlier, but praising essentially the same great things that God has done. Here are lines from both (New Jerusalem Bible):

Hannah: Do not keep talking so proudly,

let no arrogance come from your mouth . . . The bow of the mighty has been broken but those who were tottering are now braced with strength. The full-fed are hiring themselves out for bread but the hungry need labor no more . . . . God raises the poor from the dust, lifts the needy from the dunghill to give them a place with princes, to assign them a seat of honor . . . . (God) judges the ends of the earth!

Mary:

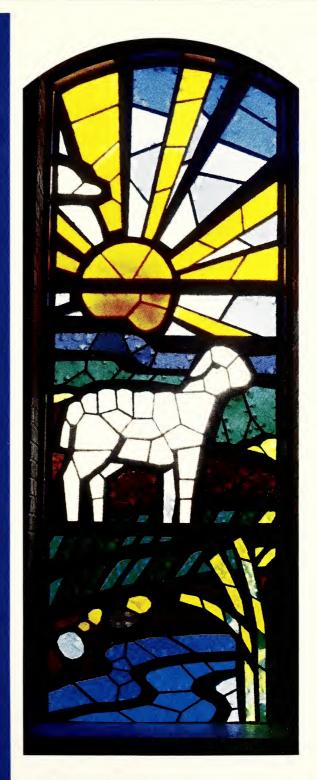
(The Almighty) has used the power of his arm, he has routed the arrogant of heart. He has pulled down princes from their thrones and raised high the lowly. He has filled the starving with good things, (and) sent the rich away empty. He has come to the help of Israel his servant, mindful of his faithful love—according to the promise he made to our ancestors. . . .

And the promise to the ancestors included the blessing of the families of the earth. Throughout the Bible, the blessing of God's people includes the blessing of the unblessed, the poor, the deprived, the exploited.

In this fabulous, unfathomable event of the coming of the Christ child, God has done great things: for the tottering, for the poor, for the hungry and starving, for the lowly and the needy—through us, the spiritual descendants of the biblical ancestors, in the very power of the Word-Made-Flesh.

B. Davie Napier Claremont, CA

# will gather the outcast



# ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH United Church of Christ Elon College, North Carolina

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Drs. William J. Andes and Alfred W. Hurst, Pastors Emerit Mrs. Betty Walker, Organist and Choir Director Kim Acquilano and Lexa Lohr-Myers, Acolytes Today

December 15, 1991

11:00 a.m

Prelude "Prelude on The Coventry Carol" Kenneth Walto

Welcome, Announcements, and Passing of Friendship Forms

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Introit

"Advent Prayer"

Allen Pote

Lighting of the Third Advent Candle

Ceremony led by Elizabeth Lohr-Myers, Meg Wilkins,

Chris Causey, David Brown, and Brian Rose

\*Hymn # 110

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

# CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

God is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

### ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH

### Order of worship for the Funeral of

### ROBERT FRANKLIN WOODY III

August 4, 1974 -- December 8, 1991

3:00 p. m.

December 11, 199

ORGAN PRELUDE

Mrs. Betty Walker, Organis

QUARTET: "Friends Are Friends Forever"

Jennifer Elliott, soprano; April Walker, alto;
Chad Gilliam, tenor; Jason Soyars, bass
Reid Gilliam, accompanist

GREETING

The Rev. Dr. John M. Irvine, J

- L. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- P. And also with you.
- L. (continues)

SCRIPTURE SENTENCES

HYMN # 485

"This Is My Father's World

PRAYER

The Rev. Dr. Thomas R. Hamilt

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm 130; Isaiah 65:17-25

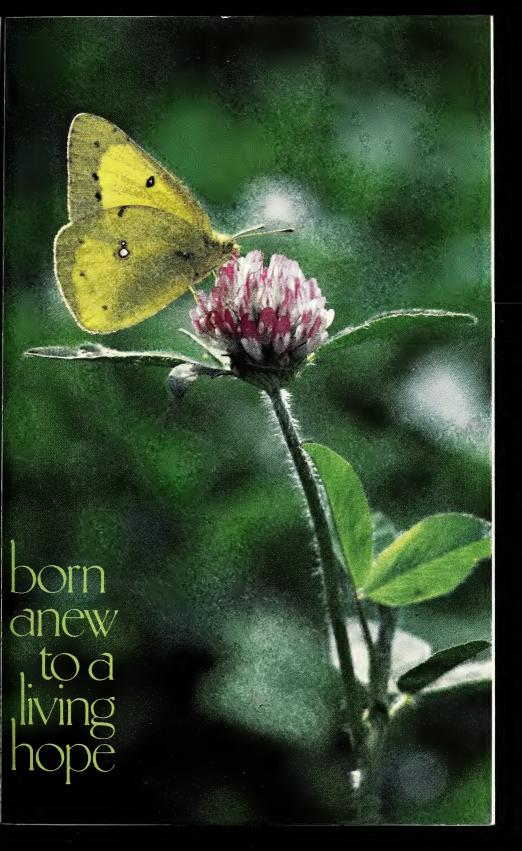
Dr. Hamilto

I Corinthians 15:50-58

Brian Ro

John 14:1-6, 18-19, 25-27

The Rev. Beth Ly



### ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Order of worship for the Funeral of

### WILLIAM BROWN TERRELL

April 15, 1896 -- December 8, 1991

11:00 a. m.

December 11, 199

ORGAN PRELUDE

Mrs. Betty Walker, Organis

SCRIPTURE SENTENCES

Dr. John M. Irvine, Jr

GREETING

### RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

- L. Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.
- P. The eternal God is our refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms.
- L. God is our Refuge and Strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear.
- P. Precious in the sight of God is the death of those who die in faithfulness.

HYMN # 8

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore The

PRAYER

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Ecclesiastes 3:1
Psalm 1

I Corinthians

REMEMBRANCE

Dr. J. Earl Daniel

POEM

"To My Father"

by Georgia Harkness

PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

(in unison, using "trespasses")

THE COMMENDATION

RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION

- L. May God bless you and keep you.
- P. Amen.
- L. May God's face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
- P. Amen.
- L. May God look upon you with kindness and give you peace.
- P. Amen.
- L. Alleluia, Christ is risen.
- P. Christ is risen indeed. Alleluía!
- L. Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
- P. Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE

Continued by the people concluded by Rev. Lyon

CHORUS

"Maybe Someday We'll Meet Again" Western Alamance High School Chorus Darla Bray, Conductor

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Beth Lyon

L. Let us say again what we believe.

All: We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, and we know that in everything God works for good with those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose. We are sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

Dr. Irvine

COMMENDATION

Rev. Lyon

SONG OF SIMEON (in unison)

Beth Lyon

Holy One,

now let your servant go in peace;

your word has been fulfilled:

my own eyes have seen the salvation

which you have prepared in the sight of every people:

a light to reveal you to the natioms and the glory of your people Israel.

HYMN # 367

"Fight the Good Fight"

BENEDICTION

Dr. Irvine

POSTLUDE

Unison Prayer of Confession

O God, we are anxious and ashamed. Too often our fears shape us rather than our faith. Our lives are filled with discontent, worry, and self-protective pursuits. We simply do not trust you to act for our good, yet we complain when because of our unfaith, things go wrong. Remold us after the pattern of your Som, who trusted you to the uttermost. Amen.

Silent Prayers and Words of Assurance

\*Gloria Patri (#513) and Passing of the Peace

### WITNESS OF FAITH

Anthems

"All Night, All Day" "Silent Night, Holy Night" Franz Gruber "We Love" Ann F. Price

Children's Choir

Anthem

"Hush You, My Baby" Carlton R. Young Senior Choir; Jane McLelland, soloist

Spiritual

### RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Offering

Offertory "God Rest You Merry" arr. Bennett Andrews

\*Doxology (#515) and Prayer of Dedication

"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" \*Hymn # 129

(Children second grade and younger have the option of leaving for child care downstairs during the last stanza)

### PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Scripture Reading

Philippians 4:4-9

Sermon

"'Tis the Season To Be...Worried?"

Prayer

### PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

\*Hymn # 122

"God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen"

\*Benediction

\*Choral Response "Go Forth In Joy" Alice Jordan

\*Postlude "Joy to the World" arr. Bennett Andrews

Members of the Congregation are asked to remain after worship for an important Congregational Meeting.

Our annual Christmas Children's Program will be held at 5:30 this afternoon. It is a musical entitled "Angels Aware" and will feature our church's children, directed by Betty Walker.

The Altar Flowers today are given to the glory of God in honor of Mary Lynn and Kim Redmond by Mr. and Mrs. E. W Brafford.

Child Care during worship today: Sue and Katie Brown. Next Sunday: Ann Acquilano and Jamie Brown.

Nursery today: Lou Harper.

<sup>\*</sup> The congregation may stand at these points.

### CHRISTMAS CHEER

his year four families are being sponsored. We have also een asked to help a man who is being released from a state psychiatric hospital with clothes.

FAMILY 1		
Female 67	Size 12 Medium to small Shoe 8½	clothes panty hose scarf
Female 38	Size 22/extra large Shoe 8	clothes
Male 40	32 Waist Large	socks underwear
воу 7	Size 10 (boys) Shoe 1½	clothes TOYS checkers/UNO sweater
FAMILY 2		
Female 36	Size 16 dress Size 18 pants Shoe 8½	pants panties
Girl 9	Size 14 (children's)	clothes TOYS

(Mothers says that she is unable to buy them any toys this year.)

Size 8-10 (junior

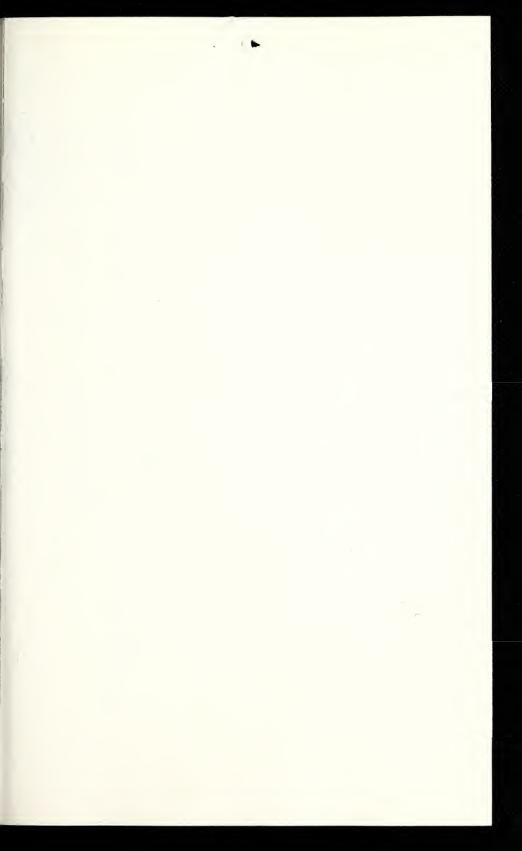
Shoe 8

Girl 9

Special Person		
Male 47	Extra large sweater Shirt 17 nec, 44 W 36 L Shoe 15 EEE	Toiletries Aftershave in plastic bottle Watches - no stretch band

(This person particularly needs clothes so that he can fit in to normal society.)

Family 3		
Female 39	Size 30 W pants Size 46-48 top Shoe 9½	clothes
Boy 13	Size medium shirt 34W 30L pants Shoe 8½	clothes games
		= 1
Family 4 Female 28	Size 16 Large tops Shoe 9½	clothes
Girl 10	Size 10 Shoe 8	clothes toys
Girl 3	Size 5-6 Shoe 6½ (children's)	clothes toys
Boy 1	Size 3 T Shoe 5 (children's)	clothes toys disposable dia



## Board of Christian Education

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Sue Brown

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Beth Schmidt
Jean Simons

## 1992 NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

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Stan Willard Mary Louise Boyd Estelle P. Willard Ethel Oakley

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One Year (1992)

Ken Harper Kay Hensley Jane McLelland Ray Covington Patricia Woody Budget Committee

Two Years (1992-93)

Martin Shotzberger Jackie Pendergrass Personnel Committee

Two Years (1992-93)

Beth Schmidt Emmett Floyd

### WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun.,	Dec.	15	9:45	a.m.	Church School
					Worship Service
			12:00	p • m •	Congregational Meeting
			4:00	p.m.	YETS
			5:30	$p \cdot m \cdot$	Children's Choir program
Mon.,	Dec.	16	6:30	p•m•	Brownie Scouts
			3:30	p • m •	Troop Committee
			7:00	$p \cdot m \cdot$	Cub Scouts
Wed.,	Dec.	18	9:00	a.m.	Mother's Morning Out
			7:30	$p \cdot m \cdot$	Senior Choir practice
Thu.,	Dec.	19	7:30	p•m•	Board of Trustees
Sun.,	Dec.	22	9:45	a.m.	Church School
			11:00	a.m.	Worship Service:
			12:00	noon	Congregational Meeting
			6:30	p • m •	Caroling, followed by refreshments at the Parsonage

### THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**DECEMBER 15, 1991** 

Zephaniah-3:19

We become outcasts in many ways. We let the pressures of our daily lives crowd out time to grow in our faith. We allow competitive social and economic values to overshadow the values of love and justice. We become vagabonds from our faith community. Even then, God is in our midst and calls us back. But there's more. When we're back, we're asked to gather up the truly outcast—the poor, minorities, those with AIDS. In doing so, we glimpse the coming of God's reign. With Paul we say, "Rejoice!"

Rev. Daniel Rosemergy Brookmeade Congregational Church, UCC Nashville, TN

### THE CHRISTMAS FUND GETS LETTERS

Every year in December, the Office of Ministerial Assistance at the Pension Boards receives many heartwarming letters and cards from Veterans of the Cross who have received a Christmas gift check. These retired ministers and the surviving spouses with very limited financial resources express their gratitude and often ask to be remembered to all those who made the gift possible—you. They report what the gift made possible: payment of a medical bill, new glasses, the means to cover a rent increase, a Christmas visit to see their children and grandchildren, even the opportunity themselves to be givers to loved ones at Christmas time.

A pastor's widow writes, "You have no idea how I felt when I received the extra check from you. This has been an unusually difficult year for me with both a back operation and a head-on auto crash. My emotions overwhelm me as I write, for I know God is still on the throne and looks after me. He uses wonderful people like you to refresh and remind us that he has not forgotten us. Thank you from the bottom of my heart, and may God richly bless you."

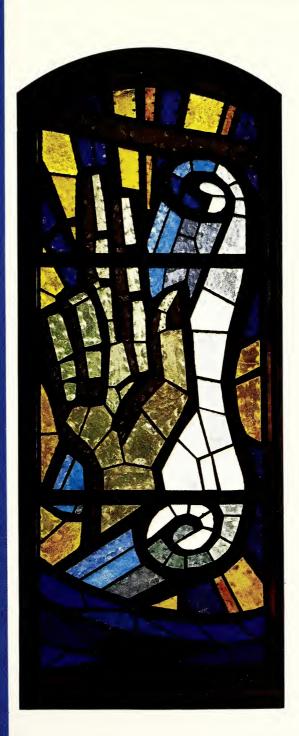
Your contributions to the annual Christmas Fund appeal, usually held in our churches during Advent, make these gift checks possible. In addition, Emergency Grants to active and retired clergy and their spouses, support for Pension Supplementation to raise retirement income levels, subsidy of Health Plan costs for disabled and other qualifying clergy and lay worker retirees are all made possible by your support of the Christmas Fund.

Every year at this time, United Church of Christ members and friends give generously to support the Christmas Fund for the Veterans of the Cross with their gifts. We add our sincere thanks to those of the many worthy recipients

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The Pension Boards

# I send my messenger



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December 8, 1991

11:00 a.m.

Prelude

"A Yuletide Sampler"
Handbell Choir

Philip Young

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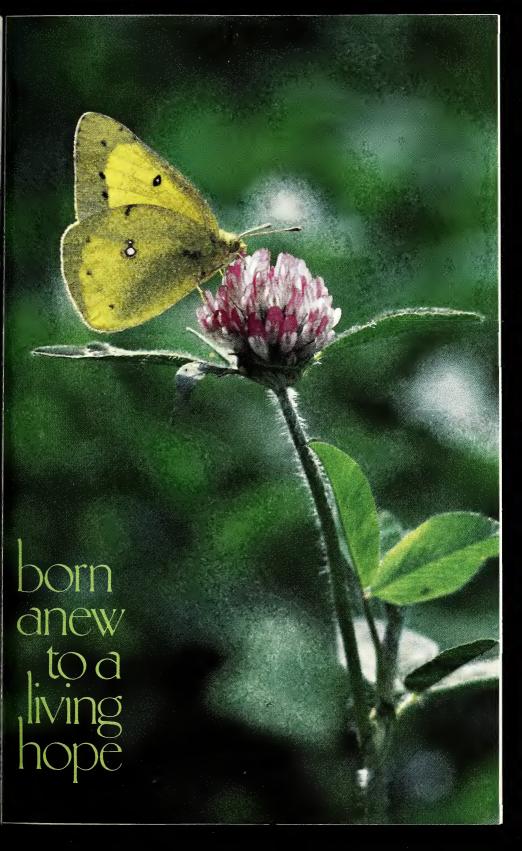
Lighting of the Second Advent Candle Ceremony led by Brian Harper, Lexa Lohr-Myers, Sarah Hemphill, Miranda Rich, and Vega Herold

Prayer and the Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

Offertory

A Christmas Tapestry" Handbell Choir Don McAfee

<sup>\*</sup>Doxology and Prayer of Dedication



### ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH

### Order of worship for the Funeral of

### VIRGINIA SNOW RICHARDSON

June 17, 1908 -- December 3, 1991

2:00 p. m.

December 6, 199

ORGAN PRELUDE

David Loy, organis

SCRIPTURE SENTENCES

Dr. John M. Irvine, Jr

GREETING

### RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

- L. Gracious is our God and righteous; our God is full of compassion.
- P. I will walk in the presence of God in the land of the living.
- L. I will fulfill my vows to God in the presence of all God's people.
- P. Precious in the sight of God is the death of those who die in faithfulness.

PRAYER

SCRIPTURE READINGS AND REMEMBRANCES Psalm 23; Psalm 103

Psalm 23; Psalm 103 Isaiah 9:2-7 John 6:25-27, 46-51 II Corinthians 4:16-5:1

POEM

"My Hand In Thy Hand"

by Wallace W. Winchell

UNISON AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(Congregation standing)

In life and in death we belong to God.

Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God.

and the communion of the Holy Spirit,

we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus Christ,

fully human, fully God.

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:

preaching good news to the poor

and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed

and blessing the children,

healing the sick

and binding up the brokenhearted,

eating with outcasts,

forgiving sinners,

and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

Unjustly comdemned for blasphemy and sedition,

Jesus was crucified,

suffering the depths of human pain

and giving his life for the sins of the world.

God raised this Jesus from the dead,

vindicating his sinless life,

breaking the power of sin and evil,

delivering us from death to life eternal.

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death cam separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. HYMN # 227

"Fairest Lord Jesus (Congregation standing)

PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

(in unison, using "trespasses"

THE COMMENDATION

### RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION

- May God bless you and keep you.
- P. Amen.
- May God's face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
- Ρ. Amen.
- May God look upon you with kindness L. and give you peace.
- Р. Amen.
- L. Alleluía, Christ is risen.
- P. Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!
- L. Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
- P. Thanks be to God.

HYMN # 80

"The King of Love My Shepherd I (Congregation standing)

POSTLUDE

### A SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

The Rev. Barry Raker, Reader David Loy, Organist and Pianist Betty Walker, conductor

Carol: "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" Raymond Herbek Senior and Handbell Choirs; Aaron Borst, soloist

First Reading

\*Carol (Hymn 134): "O Little Town of Bethlehem" Senior Choir and Congregation

Second Reading

Carol: "The Angels and the Shepherds" arr. C. H. Trevor Senior Choir

Third Reading

\*Carol: (Hymn 146, stanzas 1-4) "While Shepherds Watched" Senior Choir and Congregation

Carol: "The Shepherd's Farewell" Hector Berlioz Senior Choir

Fourth Reading

Carol: "On Christmas Night" Barbara Baltzer Kinyon Senior and Handbell Choirs

Fifth Reading

Carol: "Hush You, My Baby" Carlton R. Young Senior and Handbell Choirs; Kara Morley, soloist

Sixth Reading

Carol: "Bethlehem's Star" Melody Schittenhard Senior Choir, Lindee LeNoir, soloist Seventh Reading

Carol: "Sing, O Ye Heavens" Johann F. Peter Senior Choir; Kelly Hughes and Tom Conally, solosits

Eighth Reading

Carol: "In the Bleak Midwinter" Gustave Holst

Senior Choir

Ninth Reading

Carol: "Brightest and Best" Paul Sjolund

Senior Choir

Prayer

\*Carol (Hymn 138) "Silent Night"

Senior Choir and Congregation

\*Benediction

Postlude "Toccata in F Major" Dietrich Buxtehude

We welcome **David Loy** as our organist and pianist today. David is a graduate of Elon College in music and is the organist and director of music at Grace United Methodist Church in Burlington.

Remember the Moravian Love Feast service tonight at 7:30.

Members of the Church Council are asked to meet after worship today in the Adult Bible Class room.

The **Altar Flowers** today are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Deanie Longest Lucas by Mr. and Mrs. Roland W. Longest.

Child Care during worship today: Jimma Causey and Brian Rose.

Nursery today: Lou Harper.

### WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun.,	Dec.	8	11:00 12:15 4:00	a.m. p.m. p.m.	Church School Worship Service Church Council Middle Highs Moravian Love Feast
Mon.,	Dec.	9		-	Brownie Scouts Cub Scouts
Tue.,	Dec.	10	8:30	a·m·	Office rugs are to be steam cleaned. Access to the church office will be limited during Tuesday while rugs dry.
Wed.,	Dec.	11			Mother's Morning Out Senior Choir practice
Thu.,	Dec.	12	4:30	p•m•	Terrific Thursday
Sun.,	Dec.	15	11:00 12:00 4:00	a.m. noon p.m.	Church School Worship Service: Congregational Meeting YETS Children's Program

### SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**DECEMBER 8, 1991** 

Malachi 3:1

What a remarkable thing it is that God doesn't give up on us, but continues to send messengers calling us not just to prepare for the coming of God's reign, but to be a part of bringing it about. We are asked to discern the ungodliness in our world and join the struggle to end it. We are asked to reaffirm the message that God continues to act to save us and the world. We are invited to prepare again for the reenactment of God's love in the Christ child, to become messengers ourselves of God's peace and love.

Rev. Daniel Rosemergy Brookmeade Congregational Church, UCC Nashville, TN

### MISSION POSSIBLE

You won't see him on television. When Lloyd Van Vactor travels to a disaster site, he travels alone. Television crews cost money—which takes food out of the mouths of starving people.

Television crews like to show Americans standing beside airplanes unloading relief supplies. But Lloyd Van Vactor doesn't call attention to himself. Sure, he is the Associate General Secretary of the United Church Board for World Ministries' Mission Program Unit. But Lloyd didn't give the relief supplies. Hundreds of thousands of church members did. And he won't distribute them, either. Our overseas partner churches and social agencies on the spot will do that. No government red tape. No bribes. No "lost" shipments. No fanfare. They just deliver the stuff where it's needed most.

You won't see Lloyd Van Vactor on television. But you can be sure he'll be there. Or Gus Kuether, World Service Secretary for the Board. Not as sideline superintendents, but to find out exactly what our overseas partners need.

You've heard the stories of some relief operations. "Oh, we thought you had a warm climate, so we didn't send blankets." Those folks didn't even know that blankets make tents that shelter people from the burning sun. They never asked. They didn't listen.

Lloyd Van Vactor and Gus Kuether know better. Between them, they have sixty-five years of experience in international relief. They have lived overseas as Christian missionaries. Through the worldwide auspices of our Board for World Ministries, they keep in touch with churches in seventy countries.

You won't see them on television. This is mission in the real world. And we support it every time we give to Our Church's Wider Mission.

# I will fulfill the promise



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Mrs. Betty Walker, Organist and Choir Director
Amy Rose and Heidi Troxler, Acolytes Today
Louis Wilkins, Liturgist Today

December 1, 1991

11:00 a.m.

### PRAISE OF GOD

Prelude "How Brightly Shines the Morning Star"
Dietrich Buxtehude

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Introit

"An Advent Prayer"

Allen Pote

Lighting of the First Advent Candle Ceremony led by Elizabeth Lohr-Myers, Drew McLelland, Brian Rose, Jeff Wilkins, and Tara McKenna

\*Hymn # 114

"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Great Deliverer, we entrust to you our confession of sin. We are easily discouraged when our good deeds do not make things better. We fear harm to ourselves if we take too firm a stand. Portents of danger arise about us, and we doubt the future you have promised. We close our eyes to the signs and live for the moment. God, in Christ, forgive our cowardice and blindness for the sake of him who endured the cross for us.

Silent Prayers and Words of Assurance

\*Gloria Patri (#513) and Passing of the Peace

### WITNESS OF FAITH

"In the Bleak Midwinter" Gustav Holst Anthem

Reception of New Member

see insert

### RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Offering

Offertory "Behold, A Rose is Blooming" Johannes Brahms

\*Doxology (#515) and Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn # 103

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

(Children second grade and younger have the option of leaving for child care downstairs during the last stanza)

### PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Scripture Readings

Genesis ll:1-9; Psalm 96; Revelation 6:9-13

Sermon

"Singing Over Babel"

### PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

\*Hymn # 107

"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

\*Benediction

\*Choral Response "God Bless You and Keep You" Jay Althouse

\*Postlude "Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme" J. S. Bach

\* The congregation may stand at these points.

The December General Meeting of the Women's Fellowship will be held at 7 p.m. on Monday, December 2, in the Updyke Choral Center. All women of the church are invited. The program will center on two ministries of the church, the Food Pantry and the Good Samaritan Fund. We will have a "shower" for these two programs, each person being asked to bring an item or items for the Food Closet and a monedtary contribution for the Good Samaritan Fund. Our senior pastor, John Irvine, will tell us a little about how these two programs function.

### CEREMONY OF RECEPTION INTO MEMBERSHIP

People: We offer you our love and support. We invite you to share your gifts with us, and promise to share ours with you, since God has apportioned varieties of gifts among us for the common good, for the building up of the Body of Christ in the world.

Leader: Do you promise to be a faithful member of this congregation, and a faithful steward of the gifts God has given you, thereby fulfilling your calling as a disciple of our Lord Jesus?

New Members: I so promise, relying on God's grace.

Unison: O God, grant that we may live out our discipleship together in ways that bring honor to the name of our lord lesus Christ Amen.

our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Leader: On behalf of the congregation, I extend to you the right hand of fellowship.



The Altar Flowers today are given to the glory of God by Jim and Roberta Starr.

Child Care during worship today: Marie Wilkins and Rob Woody. Next Sunday: Jimma Causey and Brian Rose.

Nursery today: Lou Harper.

### WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun.,	Nov.	24	9:45	a·m•	Church School
			11:00	a.m.	Worship Service
			4:00	$p \cdot m \cdot$	YETS
			5:00	p•m•	Women's Fellowship Executive Committee
			5:00	$p \cdot m \cdot$	Nominating Committee
			7:00	p • m •	Church Council
			7:00	p.m.	Handbell Choir Rehearsal
			8:00	p • m •	Senior Choir Rehearsal
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					Women's Fellowship General
			7.00	p•m•	Meeting, Choral Center
Wed.,	Dec.	4	9:00	a.m.	Mother's Morning Out
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Thu.,	Dec.	5	4:30	р•ш•	Terrific Thursday
Sun.,	Dec.	8	9:45	a.m.	Church School
			11:00	a.m.	Worship Service: Christmas Choral Program
			4:00	p.m.	Middle Highs
				•	Moravian Love Feast

### **FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**DECEMBER 1, 1991** 

Jeremiah 33:14-16

Advent—a time to remember the future! As our attention shifts once again to incarnation and the birth of Jesus, let us remember that Advent is also a time to call to mind what the future holds. The hope that motivates our lives is not ambiguous; it rests firmly on the past and the remembrance of God's promises to guide our common life.

With Jerusalem under siege, Jeremiah points the way to a more hopeful time—arising out of God's desire to lead us along paths of steadfast love and faithfulness (Psalm 25:10). Though the world seems chaotic and uncertain, the Holy Spirit works in and through our lives to bring righteousness to life, leading us into communities of solidarity where people from all walks of life unite in safe havens of friendship and love. But "love" without justice is not love.

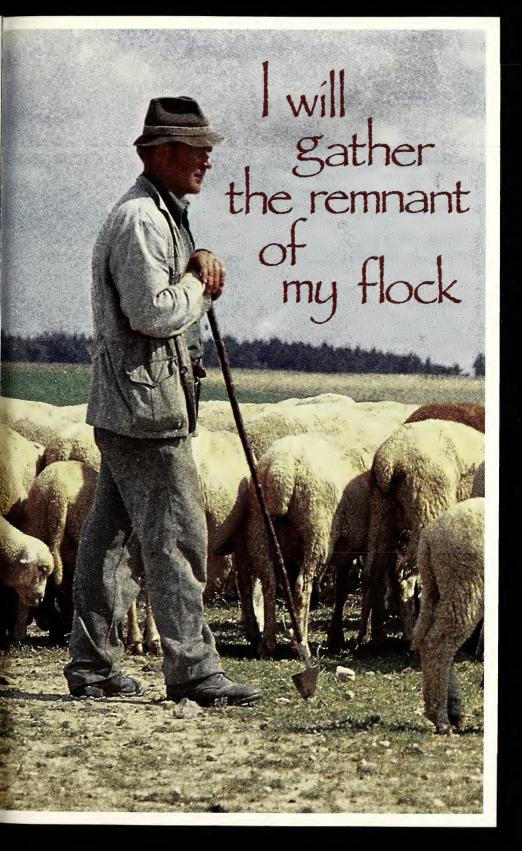
In speaking of a "righteous branch" who would execute justice and righteousness in the land, Jeremiah also spoke of Jerusalem as a safe haven. The city itself shall be known for its righteousness. The violence that rocks our cities today, attacking the fabric of our communal life, is a sign that we have forgotten the past and denied God's promise in Christ. It is a sign to be reckoned with. If we abandon our cities or our communal life in any form, we fall prey to the lie of individualism.

Jeremiah reminds us that God promises renewal to a people bound in covenant with one another—not each of us alone but all of us together will experience the power that comes through living in right-relation to one another and to God. The mutual well-being of all is the truest mark of the love Jesus reveals.

This season, as we remember the coming of the Christ child, let us remember, too, the reign of God promised and proclaimed in Jesus the Christ. If the promises of God do not reverberate in our lives, if we fail to care for each other, then our cities will never know God's righteousness. Death and destruction will continue to be our common lot.

Resurrection begins in incarnation, in each of us incarnating the truths of Christ for our time. Advent points the way not merely to one child's birth, but to a transformed world, wherein righteousness is the order of the day, for city dwellers and country folk alike.

June C. Goudey Framingham, MA



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November 24, 1991

11:00 a.m.

## PRAISE OF GOD

Prelude "Now Thank We All Our God" J. S. Bach/Virgil Fox

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Introit

"Great Art Thou"

Alice Jordan

# Responsive Call to Worship

- L. Blessed is the one who comes to reign, who comes in the name of the Lord.
- P. Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.
- L. I will hear what the Lord God has to say--
- P. A voice that speaks for peace.
- L. Peace for all people and for God's friends
- P. And those who turn Godward in their hearts.
- L. Divine help is near for those who fear God,
- P. And God's glory will live in our land.
- L. Blessed is the one who comes to reign, who comes in the name of the Lord.
- P. Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

Invocation

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

\*Hymn # 21

"We Gather Together"

#### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Most merciful God, we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy Name.

Silent Prayers and Words of Assurance

\*Gloria Patri (#513) and Passing of the Peace

# WITNESS OF FAITH

Anthems by the Junior Choir:

"Come One, Come All, Come Follow" Phillip Dietterich Leaders: David Brown, Elizabeth Lohr-Myers, Lydia Troxler

"The Perfect Ten"

Janet McMahan

Presentation of God and Family Award to Matthew Mayse

## RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Offering

Offertory "Now Thank We All Our God" arr. Garth Edmundson

\*Doxology (#515) and Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn # 461 "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

(Children second grade and younger have the option of leaving for child care downstairs during the last stanza)

#### PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Scripture Readings Exodus 20:17, Micah 2:1-3, Ephesians 5:5-6, Matthew 6:19-21, 24

Sermon "Our Wants and Our Needs" (Tenth in a series of sermons on the Ten Commandments)

# PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

\*Hymn # 396 "Fill Thou My Life, O Lord, My God"

\*Benediction

\*Choral Response "Go Forth In Joy" Alice Jordan

\*Postlude "Now Thank We All Our God" S. Karg-Elert

<sup>\*</sup> The congregation may stand at these points.

The Altar Flowers today are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Danieley and Mr. Grady Conally, and in honor of Mrs. Grady Conally's 85th birthday on November 14, by Tom and Faye Conally.

Child Care during worship today: Cile Welborn and Amy Rose. Next Sunday: Marie Wilkins and Rob Woody.

Nursery today: Lou Harper.

#### WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun.,	Nov.	24	9:45 11:00 12:15 3:00 4:00 4:30	a.m. a.m. p.m. p.m. p.m.	Men's Fellowship Breakfast Church School Worship Service Lunch provided by YETS Inquirers' Class Middle Highs Nominating Committee Bell Choir rehearsal
Mon.,	Nov.	25		-	Brownie Scouts Cub Scouts
Wed.,	Nov.	27			Mother's Morning Out Union Thanksgiving Eve service at Shallowford U.C.C.
Thu.,	Nov.	28			THANKSGIVING DAY
Fri.,	Nov.	29			Office Holiday
Sun.,	Dec.	1	11:00 4:00 7:00 7:00	a.m. p.m. p.m. p.m.	Church School Worship Service YETS Church Council Handbell Choir Choir Practice

# TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

NOVEMBER 24, 1991 JEREMIAH 23:3

Much like a quilter, carefully saving leftover pieces of fabric, and stitching remnants together to make a new work of art, so God does the same with us. Again and again, we are gathered together by the divine hand of love, fashioned into a new people of beauty and compassion. No cloth is wasted by the quilter; no people left behind by the Creator.

Rev. Diane L. Harvey
The Congregational Church, U.C.C.
Rochester, MN

#### **HUNGER ACTION FUND**

In the Gospel of Luke, Jesus tells a story of refused invitation. Many were invited to a dinner. "But they all alike began to make excuses." Those excuses were like those you and I make.

The excuses suggest some lifestyle decisions that distract us from not only the needs of our world, but also the opportunities to "eat bread in the kingdom of God."

Some have responded to the invitation, at least from time to time. They include the youth group that held a rock music concert to raise money for the Hunger Action Fund; the churches whose gardens contribute produce to food banks and pantries; the thousands who participate in C.R.O.P. walks; the individuals who write their Representative or Senator to underscore how crucial food stamps are for making ends meet for people when the paycheck runs out.

They are the volunteers who have offered their expertise to groups dealing with domestic and international development; the pastors who bless the fruits of the gardens along with the elements of communion; the farmers who struggle with survival, let alone making a living, while being good stewards of the land; and those who wrestle with the impact of their lifestyle decisions.

The UCC Hunger Action Fund and program offers us a banquet invitation, a call to join with God and those in Jesus' story who did respond—the lame, the blind, and the poor. As guests at God's banquet, we accept our opportunity to share the harvest so that all may be fed.

Steven Nunn-Miller UCC Hunger Action Program Vords Vill Not ass Away

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November 17, 1991

11:00 а.п

#### PRAISE OF GOD

Prelude "Larghetto" from <u>Sixth Concerto</u> G. F. Handel

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Introit "Praise Ye The Lord"

Philip Youn

Responsive Call to Worship

- L. With what shall we come before the Holy One, and bow ourselves before God on high?
- P. Shall we come before God with burnt offerings, with calves a year old?
- L. God has showed you, O people, what is good; and what does the Holy One require of you?
- P. To do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God.

Invocation and The Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

\*Hymn # 228

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, whose Word is a lamp for our feet and a light for our path, we recognize and confess that we have failed to respond fully to your gracious presence in our lives. Through Jesus Christ you have offered us new life, fulfilment, and the freedom to serve you. We confess that we are captive to sin, that our sin binds us with false pride, and that the wrong we do is made worse by the good we leave undone. Reconcile us to you and to all people. God of mercy, forgive all our sin and strengthen us anew for life as you intend it; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Silent Prayers and Words of Assurance

\*Gloria Patri (#513) and Passing of the Peace

# WITNESS OF FAITH

Anthems

"Zacchaeus Was a Wee Little Man" Traditional
"All Night, All Day" Spiritual
"We Love" Ann Price
(Children's Choir - 4 and 5 year olds)

"Immortal, Invisible" Eric H. Thiman (Senior Choir)

# RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Offering

Offertory "Variations on Hamburg" George Brandon

\*Doxology (#515) and Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn # 245 "Gracious Spirit, Dwell With Me'

(Children second grade and younger have the option of leaving for child care downstairs during the last stanza)

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Scripture Readings Exodus 20:16, 23:1-3; Leviticus 5:1; Proverbs 6:16-19, 19:5; Ephesians 4:25; James 3:1-11

Sermon

"For the Honor of the Truth"

# PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper using Liturgy G

\*Hymn # 381 "My Faith, It Is An Oaken Staff"

\*Benediction

\*Choral Response "God Be With You" David Lantz III

\*Postlude "Processional in E Flat" David N. Johnson

The Altar Flowers today are given to the glory of God by Mr and Mrs. E.S. Lankford in loving memory of their daughter Marsha.

Child Care during worship today: Maxine Rich and Brian Harper. Next Sunday: Cile Welborn and Amy Rose.

Nursery today: Lou Harper.

<sup>\*</sup> The congregation may stand at these points.

# BRUNSWICK STEW SALE FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, NOV.22 & 23, 1991.

# MAHES A GREAT GIFT-One Size Fits All !

THE ELON COLLEGE EXCHANGE CLUB WILL OFFER ITS POPULAR BRUNSWICK STEW FOR SALE ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22 STARTING AT 11:00 A.M. TO DUSK, AT IT'S TENT LOCATED OPPOSITE THE FIRE STATION AND AT THE EXCHANGE CLUB ON ROUTE 100.

THE SALE WILL CONTINUE ON SATURDAY, NOV.23, FROM 8:30 A.M. TO SELL-OUT.

THE STEW SELLS FOR \$3.50 PER QUART AND MAY BE FROZEN FOR FUTURE USE. THIS MAKES A FINE CHRISTMAS GIFT-YOU DON'T HAVE TO KNOW SIZES! BECAUSE OF ITS WELL-KNOWN QUALITY, THE SUPPLY IS FREQUENTLY SOLD OUT ON FRIDAY, SO AN EARLY PURCHASE IS RECOMMENDED.

PROCEEDS FROM THE SALE HELP SUPPORT VARIOUS COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES SUCH AS THE BOY SCOUTS; PROVIDE SCHOLARSHIPS AND ASSIST IN CHARITABLE CAUSES.

COMPLETE NOURISHING MEAL READY TO HEAT & EAT!



# WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun.,	Nov.	17	11:00 2:00 4:00 4:30 5:30	a.m. p.m. p.m. p.m. p.m.	Church School Worship Service Staff meeting YETS Mission Board Church Council Bell Choir rehearsal
Mon.,	Nov.	18	_		Brownie Scouts Cub Scouts
Wed.,	Nov.	20			Mother's Morning Out Adult Choir rehearsal
Thu.,	Nov.	21	4:30	p • m •	Terrific Thursdays
Sun.,	Nov.	24	9:45 11:00 12:15 4:00	a.m. a.m. p.m. p.m.	Men's Fellowship Breakfast Church School Worship Service Lunch provided by YETS Middle Highs Bell Choir rehearsal

## TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

NOVEMBER 17, 1991 Mark 13:31

Think of how often we give someone our word. Inevitably it gets broken. Think of how frequently old words become obsolete while new ones are added to our use daily. But the words of the One who is the Word made Flesh have a meaning that never changes. These words shall stand forever. On them we can build our lives.

Rev. Diane L. Harvey
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#### JAPAN'S PROPHETIC MINORITY

We read and hear a lot about the differences between Japan and the United States. We're told that Japanese society is very homogeneous—which American society certainly isn't! But are all Japanese really the same?

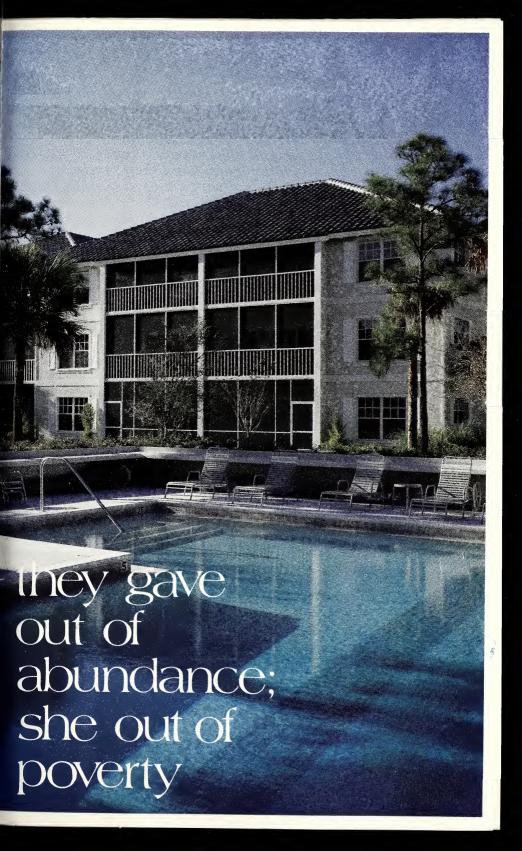
Not exactly. Take the Burakumin people. Although they look like other Japanese, until the middle of the last century they were legally inferior to other citizens. Even today, most of the three million or so Burakumin people continue to be segregated in ghettoes and denied equal employment.

Another minority isn't Japanese at all—if Japanese authorities are to be believed. Japanese-born Koreans, descendants of workers brought in by force, cannot vote. Like aliens, they can be deported if they break the law. But they are not citizens of another nation: most of them have never even visited Korea!

A small minority of Japanese are different by choice. They are the Christians. A statistician might dismiss them as insignificant, but the Christian community in Japan is influential beyond its limited numbers, especially in the fields of social reform and education.

Japanese Christians do not share the prevailing attitudes in their country toward the Korean and Burakumin peoples. They organized some of the human rights groups addressing the issues of discrimination against minorities in Japan. And they welcome Korean and Burakumin people into their schools and churches.

Our partner Kyodan, the United Church of Christ in Japan, is a prophetic minority in a country that, like our own, needs to be reminded that God's love is inclusive. We support their witness with gifts to Our Church's Wider Mission.



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November 10, 1991

11:00 a.m.

## PRAISE OF GOD

Prelude "Priere a Notre-Dame" from Gothic Suite Leon Boellman;

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"Now God Be Praised" Michael Vulpius Introit

Call to Worship

- L. Blessed be the name of our God from this time forth and for evermore!
- P. From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of God is to be praised!
- It is good to give thanks to God, to sing praises to your name, O Most High;
- P. To declare your steadfast love in the morning and your faithfulness at night.

Invocation and The Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

\*Hymn # 251

"Holy! Holy! Holy!"

# CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Because we have seen pain without being moved, because we forget your love with solemn pride, because we pass by happy before poverty and sadness, Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy, have mercy on us.

For speaking of love without loving our sister or brother,
for speaking of faith without living your word,
because we live without seeing our personal evil,
our sin,
Christ have mercy,
Christ have mercy,
have mercy on us.

For our tranquility in our affluent life, for our great falseness in preaching about poverty, for wanting to make excuses for injustice and misery, Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy, have mercy on us. Amen.

Silent Prayers and Words of Assurance

\*Gloria Patri (#513) and Passing of the Peace

# WITNESS OF FAITH

Anthem "What Will We Promise...What Will We Give?"

Don Besig

A Time With Children

#### RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Offering

Offertory "New Every Morning is Thy Love"

H. Alexander Matthews

\*Doxology (#515) and Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn # 412 "O Master Workman of the Race"

(Children second grade and younger have the option of leaving for child care downstairs during the last stanza)

#### PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Scripture Readings Isaiah 58:1-9a; Mark 2:23--3:6

Sermon "Stretch Out Your Hand" Dr. William McGregor

# PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

\*Hymn # 423 "Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life"

\*Benediction

\*Choral Response "God Bless You and Keep You"

Jay Althouse

\*Postlude "Toccata" from Gothic Suite Leon Boellmann

We welcome as our guest preacher today the Rev. Dr. William McGregor, Area Conference Minister for the New Jersey
Association of the Central Atlantic Conference of the Unite Church of Christ. Dr. McGregor is the consultant in church planning and church growth to our Church Council as a part of our New Decade Fund process.

<sup>\*</sup> The congregation may stand at these points.

The **Altar Flowers** today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Reggie and Andrew McLelland by Marsh, David, Ernie, Rose Ann, Jane, Joe and Julie McLelland, and Faye and Roger Basto.

Child Care during worship today: Karen Worst and Shawn McKenna. Next week: Maxine Rich and Brian Harper.

The responsive call to worship and unison prayer of confession this morning are reprinted from <u>Book of</u>
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Nursery today: Lou Harper.

#### WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun.,	Nov.	10	9:45	a.m.	Church School
			11:00	a.m.	Worship Service
			4:00	p • m •	Middle High
			7:00	$p \cdot m \cdot$	Bell Choir rehearsal
Mon.,	Nov.	11	6:30	p.m.	Brownie Scouts
			7:00	p·m·	Cub Scouts
Wed.,	Nov.	13	9:00	a.m.	Mother's Morning Out
			7:30	$p \cdot m \cdot$	Adult Choir rehearsal
Thu.,	Nov.	14	4:30	p • m •	Terrific Thursdays
Sun.,	Nov.	17	9:45	a.m.	Church School
			11:00	a.m.	Worship Service
				p.m.	
1			7:00	$p \cdot m \cdot$	Bell Choir rehearsal

## TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

NOVEMBER 10, 1991 Mark 12:44

What matters is not what we give but how we give. Generosity has more to do with the spirit of our giving than with the amount of the gift. Great sums given out of duty count for little. Tiny offerings given freely and in an unselfconscious manner merit Jesus' praise. The joy in one's heart when giving makes all the difference.

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#### ALL THAT WE HAVE IS GOD'S

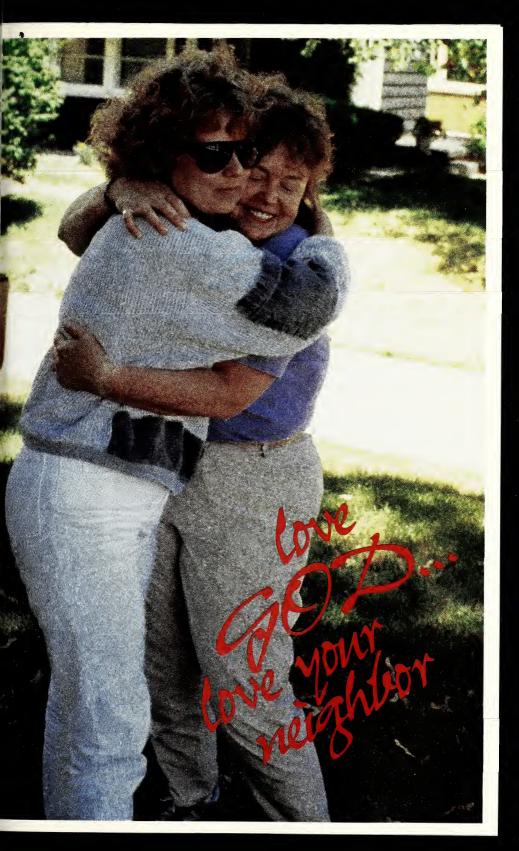
All of us struggle with competing values in our lives. Around us, people seek meaning in the accumulation of possessions, the quest for pleasures, and the achievement of status. Sometimes we are tempted to follow their example. Yet, as Christians, we acknowledge that we are called to find our trust in God and our purpose in the life of service that grows from the gift of God's grace in Jesus Christ.

While we willingly and gratefully enjoy the good gifts that God provides, we know that our life's meaning is found in the gift of God's redeeming love for us. We also acknowledge that we are called to share God's gifts with those around us, both in justice

and in mercy.

If we desire to live out of the wealth of our faith, let us find practical Christian ways of living regarding the use of the wealth of the world. Let us seek to use our gifts and abilities in response to God's calling in service to the needs of the world through the Christian community. And let us seek the simplicity which grows from a life of radical trust in God.

On this Stewardship Sunday, we recognize especially that all we possess and all that we are is from God, and belongs to God—to be used responsibly as God leads us. We recall the words of Jesus, that "where someone has been given much, much will be expected." (Luke 12:48b REB) Accordingly, we seek to implement the principle that, as we have been richly blessed, we may more richly respond in giving.



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November 3, 1991

11:00 a.m.

#### PRAISE OF GOD

Prelude

"Pastorale"

Cesar Franck

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Introit "God Himself Is With Us" Joachim Neander

Call to Worship

- L. Come, travelers and sojourners; there is a place for you here.
- P. God grants bread for our journey and offers places of refuge on the way.
- L. Praise God, who offers justice for the oppressed and opens the eyes of the blind.
- P. God brings our wickedness to ruin and rejects our blind pursuit of riches.
- L. Happy are those who hope in God, and avail themselves of God's ever-present help.
- P. God rules in righteousness forever; we will sing God's praise as long as we live!

Invocation and The Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

\*Hymn # 16

"Praise, My Soul, The King of Heaven"

# CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

O God, we confess we put our trust in things we can see. We pursue human schemes because your will seems so illusive. When we discern what you intend, it seems too demanding. We strive for recognition and honors without realizing the effects of our actions on others. O free us from the tyranny of our own ambitions and help us be true servants, for Christ's sake. Amen.

Silent Prayers and Words of Assurance

\*Gloria Patri (#513) and Passing of the Peace

# WITNESS OF FAITH

Anthem

"The Beatitudes"
John Barbee, Baritone Soloist

H. R. Evans

A Time With Children

# RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Offering

Offertory "Variations on St. Thomas" George Brandon

\*Doxology (#515) and Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn # 335

"What A Friend We Have in Jesus"

(Children second grade and younger have the option of leaving for child care downstairs during the last stanza)

# PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Scripture Readings Exodus 20:15, 22:1-15, 21-27; Ephesians 4:28; James 5:1-5

Sermon

"Hands Off!"

(eighth in a series of sermons on the Ten Commandments)

# PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

"Savior, Again To Thy Dear Name We Raise" \*Hymn # 60

\*Benediction

\*Choral Response

"Benediction"

Gene Grier

\*Postlude

"Hornpipe"

G. F. Handel

The Altar Flowers today are given by Earl and Elizabeth Parker in memory of their son, Russell Bruce Parker.

Child Care during worship today: Kim Perry and Jamie Brow Next week: Karen Worst and Shawn McKenna.

Nursery today: Lou Harper.

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# WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun., Nov. 3  9:45 a.m. Church School  11:00 a.m. Worship Service  1:30 p.m. CROP Walk  4:00 p.m. Middle High Parents  7:00 p.m. Bell Choir rehearsal  Mon., Nov. 4  10:30 a.m. Circle # 1  6:30 p.m. Brownie Scouts  7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts  7:30 p.m. Circle # 2, Mary Butler's  Tue., Nov. 5  7:30 p.m. Circle # 3, Library  Wed., Nov. 6  9:00 a.m. Mother's Morning Out  7:30 p.m. Adult Choir rehearsal  Thu., Nov. 8  4:30 p.m. Terrific Thursdays  Sat., Nov. 9  10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. Church Council meeting at Holland House  Sun., Nov. 10  9:45 a.m. Church School  11:00 a.m. Worship Service  4:00 p.m. Middle Highs  7:00 p.m. Bell Choir rehearsal						
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## TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

NOVEMBER 3, 1991 Mark 12:30, 31

Many people are worried as the 21st century draws closer. They ask: "How shall we respond? What shall we do to prepare ourselves?" We in the church have only to remember Jesus' words about the greatest commandment of all: "Love God . . . love your neighbor." This is all the direction and guidance we need to follow as our congregations live toward the future led by the Holy Spirit.

> Rev. Diane L. Harvev The Congregational Church, U.C.C. Rochester, MN

#### INNOCENT VICTIMS

Americans are familiar with violence. Reports of murder and assault punctuate the local news. Our entertainment, on television and the movies, specializes in car chases and shoot-outs. Still, for most of us, violence is something that happens to other people—not to us.

For some of our Christian partners in the Third World, however,

violence is an integral part of their life—and death.

In countries where rebels, of the political left or right, seek to overthrow the government by force and violence, there is no safety for anyone. Devout Christians are particularly vulnerable because, following in Jesus' footsteps, they refuse to take up arms for either side, and seek instead to minister to all.

In the Philippines, congregations have been terrorized both by anti-government rebels and by pro-government vigilantes. A number of pastors from our partner United Church of Christ in the

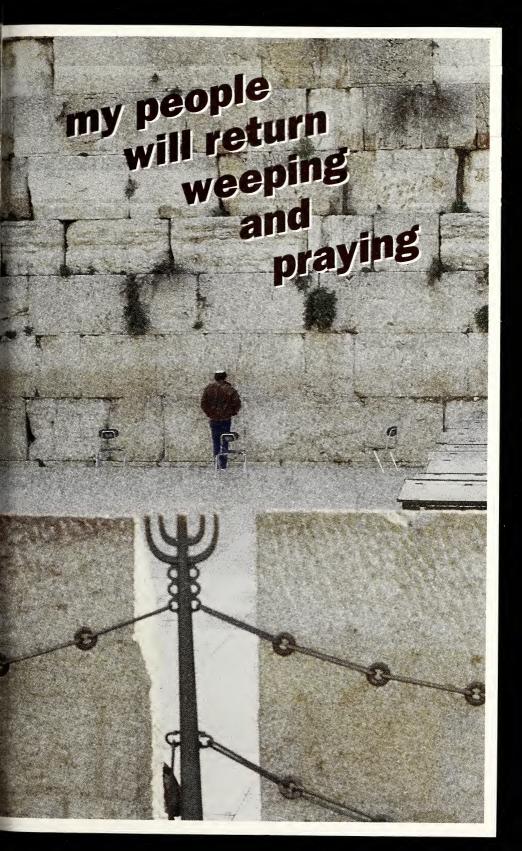
Philippines have been assassinated.

A United Church of Christ pastor writes of his visit to Southern Africa: "Every Christian I met in Mozambique had a story of slaughter to tell: pastors shot during Sunday morning services; Bible schools overrun by bandits with students killed or taken captive."

The murder of prominent church workers in El Salvador has shocked the world, but the violence is not limited to the top echelons. The innocent campesinos who die are buried in

unmarked graves and mourned only by their families.

We pray for our brothers and sisters in countries where the path of Christ leads into the valley of the shadow of death; and we wring our hands in the anguish of our helplessness. But there is something else we can do: resolve to make certain that our own society and government are not abetting the violence we deplore.



## ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH United Church of Christ Elon College, North Carolina

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October 27, 1991

11:00 a.m.

## PRAISE OF GOD

Prelude

"Salvation Unto us Has Come" anon.

Welcome, Announcements, and Passing of Friendship Forms

Friendship forms are in red folders at the inner end of the downstairs pews and stairwell end of balcony pews. Please pass them and all sign. Visitors, kindly add your address (and phone number if you live locally). When all have signed, please return the folder to its original location. Thank you!

"Spirit Of The Living God" Daniel Iverson Introit

Call to Worship

- We gather in the name of Jesus Christ, the Head of the church and Savior of the world.
- Not because we have invited Christ into our house, P. but because Christ has invited us into the house of the Lord.
- L. We have come, not to tell Christ what we will do,
- But to learn from Christ what we must do.
- We have listened for the voice of the Lord in the earthquake, wind, and fire.
- Now we await the still small voice. Speak, Lord, P • for your servants hear.

Invocation and The Lord's Prayer (using "trespasses")

\*Hymn # 97

"God of Our Life"

# CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

God who sets the solitary in families, you have made us for human companionship, but we have chosen our own lonely way. You have called us to make commitments and to live by them, but we have violated our promises and made excuses for ourselves. You have created us to reflect your glorious faithfulness, but we have been among the betrayers of this world. With shame we admit to our inconstant hearts. Forgive us, and give us steel to make our hearts steadfast, our word true, our actions faithful. Amen.

Silent Prayers and Words of Assurance

\*Gloria Patri (#513) and Passing of the Peace

# WITNESS OF FAITH

Anthem

"Awake, My Heart"

Jane Marshall

A Time With Children

# RESPONSE THROUGH DEDICATION

Offering

Offertory

"Prelude on Evan" Gordon Young

\*Doxology (#515) and Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn # 234

"Breathe On Me, Breath of God"

(Children second grade and younger have the option of leaving for child care downstairs during the last stanza)

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Scripture Readings

Exodus 20:14; Hosea 2:2-20; Matthew 5:27-32

"Faithful At The Core" Sermon (seventh in a series of sermons on the Ten Commandments)

Prayer

# PREPARATION FOR OBEDIENCE IN THE WORLD

\*Hymn # 489

"I Would Be True"

\*Benediction

\*Choral Response

"God Be With You" W. G. Tomer

\*Postlude

"Toccata" Charles Marie Widor

We welcome as our liturgist today Lynn Malkus, a junior at Elon; she is the current holder of the Elon College Community Church scholarship there. Lynn is from Cambridge Maryland, where she is a member of Emmanuel United Church of Christ. Her pastor there is The Rev. Doug Albert, a foster son of the late Dr. and Mrs. William W. Sloan. Lynn's major is in corporate communications. Lynn is active in the Elon Campus Chapter of Habitat for Humanity and helped build the Durham Street house that the Chapter recently completed.

<sup>\*</sup> The congregation may stand at these points.

The Altar Flowers today are given to the glory of God in memory of Mr. Kenneth S. Clem by Mrs. Clem and family.

New Church Directories are available. Pick yours up in the Narthex after worship.

Child Care during worship today: Carolyn Messick and Katie Brown. Next week: Kim Perry and Jamie Brown.

Nursery today: Lou Harper.

The Alternative Women's Group will meet at the church on Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

#### WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun.,	Oct.	27	9:45	-	Church School
				a.m.	Worship Service
			2:30	p.m.	Habitat House Dedication, Fisher & Ireland Sts.
			4:00	$p \cdot m \cdot$	Middle Highs
			4:30	p.m.	Church Council
			7:00	p•m•	Bell Choir rehearsal
Mon.,	Oct.	28	6:30	p.m.	Brownie Scouts
			7:00	p•m•	Cub Scouts
Tue.,	Oct.	29	7:30	p.m.	Evangelism Committee
Wed.,	Oct.	30	9:00	a.m.	Mother's Morning Out
			5:00	p.m.	Head Start Story Time
			7:30	p • m •	Adult Choir rehearsal
Thu.,	Oct.	31	4:30	p•m•	Terrific Thursdays
			7:00	p.m.	Hallowe'en Carnival
Sun.,	Nov.	3	9:45	a.m.	Church School
			11:00	a.m.	Worship Service
			1:00	$p \cdot m \cdot$	CROP Walk
			4:00	p.m.	Parents of Middle Highs
			7:00	p.m.	Bell Choir rehearsal

## TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 27, 1991 Jeremiah 31:9

We have a God who hears us when we cry. Our tears are a prayer.

The cries we utter from the depths of our hearts, our pleading, these are prayers, too.

The important thing is to be in conversation, and when God cries out to us—we listen.

Rev. Diane L. Harvey The Congregational Church, U.C.C. Rochester, MN

#### **REFORMATION SUNDAY**

Customarily, we identify the Reformation and its spread with preaching. But, in the sixteenth century, people were also persuaded by pageants.

In that wonderful old book with its paternalistic old title, The Church of Our Fathers, Roland Bainton describes a Reformation

pageant that took place in Bern, Switzerland.

As the first procession passed, one peasant turned to another: "Who is that poor fellow on the donkey? He wears a plain gray cloak and on his head he has a wreath of thorns. The poor, the lame, and the blind follow him. He turns none away. For Jesus' sake, tell me who he is."

"Why, that's exactly who he is," the second replied. "He is the

Savior of the world, our Lord Jesus Christ."

A second, very different, procession passed. Again, the peasant turned to the other: "Who is the mighty emperor followed by so many soldiers? Were it not for the priests I'd say they were Turks, with their elegant clothes. Some have red hats and some coalblack. The leader has a three-layer crown of gold. Can you tell me who he is?"

"Why, yes," replied the second peasant. "He is the

representative on earth of the man on the donkey."

What had corrupted the Papacy in the late Middle Ages can happen to any human institution. On Reformation Sunday all of us need to be reminded who we are and—more important—whose we are.

